

## SHORT HISTORY OF THE WIDEMAN FAMILY

### **JOHN HENRY WIDEMAN, the Immigrant (1738 - 1806)**

1. **JOHANNES HEINRICH WEIDEMAN** was born about 1738-40 on the Wesir (Weser) River, Westuffein, Kassel, Hesse, Germany He died circa 1806, Abbeville District, SC. Nothing is known about this couple before coming to America. John Henry Wideman, as he was known, his name was Americanized, settled in the Granville Co., N.C by December of 1762 or early 1763. We know this since a "Taxable Number 72" is subscribed to him. Then he moved to the Old Ninety-six District of South Carolina. Also, in the same report to the Colonial governor of North Carolina, recalcitrant property owners were named: "List of Tyzables Warnd to give there Nams". By Dennis Sulivant, Constable. On this list we find Number 21 Hennery Widman. As my friend and relative, Jim Lees asks! "Henry did you fail to pay your taxes and is that why you moved to S. C.?"

The deeds granted to Henry Wideman by Lord Granville's agents, contradict the above information in regards to when Henry arrived in the US. The early deeds are dated 1759 in Granville County, NC. Please see addendum.

Henry moved to the Abbeville District of South Carolina about 1774 and then to Wilkes County, GA about 1777 where he is listed as an associate of George Turman as an appraiser in 1779. Around 1782 Henry moved back to Abbeville District, Long Cane, S. C. where he lived until his death.

We believe his wife's last name was Mary Oberdorf and that they came on the ship Nancy. Family legend says she died at sea while on her way to America from childbirth. His son Adam was left in the care of the wife of a lighthouse keeper who raised him. Soon after Mary died John Henry married second a Marie or Mary Teulon or Taloon, a daughter of one of the French Huguenots who were in living in the Charleston area. Based on the date of birth of Adam, John Henry must have remarried in late 1761 or early 1762. Nothing is known about the second wife except that she was christened at Bordeau, S. C. (145,146)

Children of first wife:

2. i **Adam Wideman** was born 1761 on the Atlantic Ocean and died 1842 Abbeville, SC. He married in 1785, "**Millie**" **Mildred Harris**.

Children of second wife:

- i **Thomas Wideman** born Dec 22 1762 Granville District NC and died Jan 11 1838-40 Jackson, Arkansas. He had several wives.
- ii **Francis Wideman** born 1764 Granville District NC and died 1826 Jefferson Co. Mo. He married Genevieve \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii **Elizabeth Wideman** born about 1765 Granville District NC and died after 1825 Jefferson, Missouri. She married **James Couch**.
- iv **Lucy Wideman**<sup>1</sup> born about 1766 Granville District NC and died after 1825. She married 1 \_\_\_\_\_ **Davis**, Oct 26 1831 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pruitt**.
- v **Leonard Wideman** born Jul 04 1768 and died Oct 06 1831 McCormick, S C.

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<sup>1</sup> **DAVIS / WIDEMAN bef 1806.** Henry Wideman (d. 1806) and his neighbor Edward Davis had slaves. In Wideman's will he mentions my gggg grandfather, his grandson, James Davis, a free negro, (b. ca 1780 near Abbeville - d. 1829 MO). In the will he is mentioned as "my grandson, JAMES, son of my daughter Lucy PRUIT, ..... my grandson, who is called James DAVIS, son of Lucy Pruit." James and family came to MO ca 1800 from SC in a large intermarried family group. Other surnames mentioned in the group are: BENTON, WIDEMAN, and WILSON. In the estate papers of James DAVIS all 8 of his children are mentioned. He is called a free negro male. I have located most of his children and they all give themselves as white on the 1830 and 1840 census. This includes my GGG grandfather JAMES DAVIS. Although it is possible that Lucy WIDEMAN was married to the father of James DAVIS, I believe it to be more likely that James was an illegitimate birth, as she would have been quite young. I believe that JAMES is the product of a union between one of her father slaves or possibly one of the slaves of Edward DAVIS, possibly explaining why James' surname is DAVIS. I'm hoping to locate anyone who might have information concerning this these folks. [Linda](mailto:Linda.Sina28@aol.com): Sina28@aol.com. July 1998.

He married **Savil Haney**. Legend says he was killed by his servants. He is buried in the Wideman "Red Row" Cemetery, McCormick County, S. C. Off Highway 28. Savl Wideman is also buried in this cemetery. She died in 1847.

- vi **Sarah "Sally" Wideman** born about 1770 died after 1825. She married **Charles Pruitt**.
- vii **John Wideman** born about 1772 and died 1826 Jefferson, Mo.
- viii **Jacob Wideman** born 1780-84 Abbeville, SC and died 11 Nov 1840-42  
He married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_.
- ix **Mark Wideman** born 1798 Abbeville, SC and died 1827 Jefferson, Mo. He married Polly  
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For additional information on the descendants of the above children of Henry Wideman see The Wideman Family in America – A Genealogical Record, compiled by Darrell Lee Wideman.

### ADAM WIDEMAN 1761 TO 1842

2. **Adam Wideman**<sup>2</sup> was born in 1761 on the ship Nancy while en route from Rotterdam, Germany to Charles Town, now Charleston, SC. This ship may have stopped in Philadelphia before sailing to Charleston. His mother, Mary Obendorf or Overturf, died at sea. Since life on the frontier would be difficult for an infant, his father placed Adam with the wife of a lighthouse keeper who raised him somewhere around Charleston, South Carolina.

Family history says Adam served in the American Revolution as a privateer and blockade-runner around Charleston S. C. According to my family's legend he was a privateer. He was probably called a pirate by the British. The pension file of George McFarlin (S18119) for two tours of duty under General Pickens and Colonel Robert Anderson mentions Adam. Campaigns mentioned include "after Indians (Cherokees) through Georgia, burning Indian towns of Chota, Brass & Frog." In 1785 Adam married "**Millie**" **Mildred Harris**, daughter of \***John Harris** and **Rachel Kittrell**, who was of English descent. Millie died before June 24 1840 when Adam wrote his will. Adam before Oct 07 1842. He is buried in the Wideman-Harris-Wilkes Cemetery in McCormick Co. S. C. The cemetery is in an area of Sumter National Forest. Millie or Mildred is believed to be buried in the Allen Lee Church Cemetery at Lone Oak, Meriwether Co. GA. Adam Wideman left a Will. Will Books, Edgefield Co., S. C. See addendum.

Adam was living in Abbeville County, SC according to the 1840 SC census. His wife is listed on the census. She must have died shortly after the census was taken.

Reference: Revolutionary Soldier Receipts For Georgia Bounty Grants by Blain, page 67 and Revolutionary War Soldiers, Abbeville, South Carolina by Burns. One can join the DAR through Adam Wideman

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<sup>2</sup> Nov 17 1903 (Abbeville SC)  
Dear J. W. Lee, (Atlanta, GA)

Dear Cousin, You ask what relation I was to your grandfather (Henry Wideman), I am his niece. He was my father's (Adam Wideman, Jr.) brother. Your grandfather's father was born on the ocean as they were coming to this country, his name you know was Adam Wideman. My great grand Pa was named Henry. He settled in Abbeville County, SC. Your grandfather was born in Abbeville, SC and lived, after he was married within 2 miles of where his father lived. Your grandfather married a Miss Roberts 1st. His second wife was Millie Sewell. She was living when he left Carolina Dec 1831. You know his last wife was Polly Sewell. I guess that was your grandmother. Your grand Pa's house is still standing and one of my nephews promises to get another picture of it for you, I will send as soon as I get it.... You will have to come down and see us and we will take you to the places where they all lived after they married. My father had five brothers and they all settled in the same county near each other, not one of them living now but their children and grandchildren of some of them are still here and would be glad to see you any time. None of Uncle Henry's family are here. Write again... will always be glad to hear from you and glad to give you all the information I can.  
your cousin, Statia Wideman.

\*Nothing is known about the lineage of John Harris or Rachel Kittrell at this time, September 30, 2001. It is possible that this John Harris is the John Harris buried along with Adam Wideman in the Harris – Wideman Cemetery, McCormick Co., SC.

Children:

3. i **Henry Wideman** born 1789 Abbeville SC and died possible June but before Sept 1835 Troup Co. GA.
- ii **John Wideman** born Oct 24 1795 Abbeville SC and died 28 Oct 1870 Troy, McCormick, S. C. He married Jan 14 1813 **Sarah Fletcher Tatum**.
- iii **Samuel Wideman** born 1794-1800 Abbeville SC and died Oct 28 1849 96 District. S. C. He married 1822 **Mary Margaret McMullen**. They had several children. One was named Emily Harris Wideman who died 1845.
- iv **Rachel Wideman** born about 1800 Abbeville SC died 1834. She married **Joshua Willis**.
- v **Joshua Wideman** born Dec 02 1809 Abbeville SC and died after 1860. He married 1st **Elizabeth Gray** and 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sarah Harris**.
- vi **Adam Wideman, Jr.** born Oct 28/9 1810 Abbeville SC. He married 1<sup>st</sup> **Lucy Puckett**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lucy A. Caroline Davis** and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Martha Elizabeth Renwick**. He is buried in the Long Cane Cemetery, Troy, McCormick County, S. C. Martha is also buried in this cemetery. She died Apr 30 1890. Several of Adam's children are buried here also.
- vii **Uel Wideman** born 1812 Abbeville SC and died Jan 31 or Feb 03 1857 Abbeville, S. C. He married **Malvina Dobbs**.
- viii **Elizabeth "Betsy" Wideman** born Abbeville SC and died before 1840. She married **John A. Mars**.
- ix **Lucinda "Lucy" "Polly" Wideman** born Abbeville SC, died young.

#### HENRY WIDEMAN 1789 TO 1835

3. **Henry Wideman** was the son of Adam Wideman and Millie Harris. He was born in 1788/9 in Abbeville, SC and died before Sep 07 1835 in Troup Co. Georgia. On Apr 30 1818, Henry married 1<sup>st</sup> **Frances Roberts**, whose place of birth and parents are unknown in Abbeville, SC. The ceremony was performed by the noted Rev. Moses Waddell in Abbeville, SC. Frances died about 1828, most likely from child birth and Henry married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Mildred "Millie" Sewell** on \*Sep 03 1829 in Franklin Co. GA. She was daughter of **James Sewell** and **Peggy Harris**. (*This Sewell Family moved to Meriwether Co., GA. in 1832. See Sewell family history.*) Millie died Apr 05 1832 possible in Troup Co. GA. Henry, quickly married again. He didn't have to look far nor did he waste any time. His married 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mary Elizabeth Sewell**, a younger sister of Mildred. They were married \*\*Sep 27 1832, in Meriwether County. After Henry's death, Mary Elizabeth married Jan 14 1838 in Meriwether County, GA. **Azariah Kanada Holcomb**. A. K. Holcomb was a farmer, born 1814 Cobb County, Georgia. He lived on the land he purchased from the estate of Henry Wideman in 1842. He died in Bradley County, Arkansas about 1880. The family moved to Arkansas after the Civil War.

\*Marriage Bonds Recorded in Franklin County, GA. (1827 – 1835)

\*\* Meriwether County Marriage Book "A" page 23.

Children per the 1850 Meriwether County Census and James Sewell's will.

- i **Joel Holcomb** born Oct 18 1838/9 Troup County, Georgia. He died 1855.
- ii **James Robert Holcomb** born Feb 20 1840 Troup County, Georgia. He died in Arkansas.
- lii **Mary J. Holcomb** born Mar 31 1842 Troup County or Meriwether County, Georgia.

Henry was an early pioneer of Hogansville, Troup Co. If the location of his grave is on the site of his farm, he lived on the coach road between Hogansville and north. This was originally an Indian trail. He settled there in 1832 just east of the Yellow River near what was called Trimble. District 11, Land lot 66. A land lot was 202 ½ acres. My guess is that his second wife wanted to be closer to her parents who had moved to Meriwether County and siblings who had moved to Meriwether County in about 1832. After his second wife died, her sister who lived with her parents close by moved in with Henry to help out with his children and he eventually married her. His will was proved September 07 1835. Henry is buried on His farm was

high on a hill over looking Hogansville. The property is privately owned now. There aren't any other graves in the cemetery, but a few sunken spots which might have been graves. Henry was a wealthy individual at the time of his death. He owned 16 slaves and most likely over 200 acres. R. I. Sewell was one of the executors of his estate, also an administrator and guardian for Henry's orphans in 1840, James H. Widman, Eliza J. Wideman, Lucy J. Wideman and Rachel Wideman, as stated in Returns C, p. 124 Feb. 27, 1840, Troup County, GA. When Henry died he eight minor children. Their guardianship according to the return's records was divided up between his third wife's husband Azariah K. Holcomb, Richard I. Sewell and John P. Sewell. Henry's children by the Sewell sisters are mentioned in their father, James Sewell's will.

Henry Wideman is listed on the 1820 and 1830 Abbeville, SC census, living next to his father Adam and brothers Adam, Jr. and Joshua. On the 1820 Census there is a listing for another daughter who must have died young. According to a letter written in 1903, from a Statia Wideman of South Carolina to the Rev. James W. Lee of Atlanta, Henry Wideman moved to Troup County in December of 1831.

Henry's will names his wife Mary but not his children by name, only the amount to be given each child. Five hundred dollars! His estate, after payment of any current debts was to be kept in tact and managed by an overseer at the discretion of his executor, until his wife's death or remarriage. He specifically states that he wishes for his children to be given the "rudiments of a common goods English education". Henry's estate was inventoried and appraised at approximately \$14,601dollars which was a considerable amount for that time. He died about September of 1835 and the estate was inventoried and appraised November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1835. The original of this "Inventory and Appraisalment" is in the Troup County Courthouse, Georgia. It includes three lots of land valued at \$5000.00. He had sixteen slaves valued at \$5400.00. His property was auctioned in January 1842 for \$12,300. My guess is that some disbursement had been made to his children by the executors of the estate before that date. There were two sales in January, the first for "perishable property" and the second for slaves and land. The sale didn't include household items as Mary Sewell Wideman Holcomb would still retain possession of them in 1842.

What I find interesting is that his land sold for only \$2670.00 when it was originally appraised for \$5000.00. The three lots were purchased by Henry's widows' new husband, A. K. Holcomb, and by Henry's son-in-laws, David Covan and Henry Brooks. The three lots were in District 11, Troup County, GA.



Henry Wideman's tombstone, Hogansville, GA September 30, 2001

Children of first wife:

- i **Lucinda Caroline Wideman** born Mar 22/9 1819 Abbeville SC. She died Jul 06 1895 Hogansville, GA. She married Jan 25 1837 in either Troup County, GA or in SC., **David Tillman Covan** born about 1814 in Abbeville, South Carolina. Her date of death may not be correct. David died Feb 07 1895 Hogansville, GA. The Covan's are not listed on the 1840 Georgia Census. Most likely they were living in SC. In 1842 David Covan purchased land lot

# 17 in District 11, Troup County, Georgia at the estate sale of Henry Wideman. David is listed as living in Troup County, GA on the 1850 Census and the name is spelled Covan. David Covan is listed as a planter with property valued at \$2000.00. According to The Wideman Family Genealogy by Darrell Wideman, they are buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Hogansville, GA.

Children: Based on the 1850 Troup County, GA. Census. The Covan's were Huguenots from Marseilles, France who settled in South Carolina before 1782.

- i **John Henry Covan** born Jan 08 1839, Abbeville District, South Carolina. He died Nov 15 1916 and married **Sarah "Sallie" C. Menefee**. **John Henry Covan** was a member of Company B. 7<sup>th</sup> Texas. His widow, Sallie Covan applied for a pension from Troup County, GA. I find no record of graves in either Meriwether or Troup County, GA for this family. Although, he attended a reunion at the Allen – Lee Church in Lone Oak, July 22, 1906 and is listed as a professor, living in Hogansville at the time.
- ii **William Covan** born 18Jan 30 1843, Troup County, GA. and died Jan 11 1933, Hogansville, GA. He married **Lucy Anna Hines** on Nov 26 1863 in Chambers County, AL. He was a Private in Company K, 13<sup>th</sup> Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
- iii **Fannie Covin** born Dec 31 1844, Troup County, GA. She married **John R. Deering** on Oct 04 1864 in Troup County, GA. He was from Lexington, KY.

- ii **Louisa "Lemsy" Elizabeth Roberts Wideman** born Oct 28 1820, Abbeville, SC and died Jan 10 1897 Meriwether Co. GA. She married Jan 26 1837 **John Pierce Sewell** of Troup Co., GA. He was the son of **James Lee? Sewell** and **Mary Polly Baker** and born in Franklin County, GA. John Pierce Sewell was born Dec 20 1810 and died Nov 21 1876. Both are buried in the Allen – Lee Cemetery, Lone Oak, GA

SEWELL, Mrs. Elizabeth ( Aunt Betty), widow of Mr. Pierce Sewell, died on Sunday, Jan. 10th; she is survived by eight children: Mrs. John Burdett, Mrs. Hiram Nall, Mrs. Clarke Phillips, Mrs. John Barrow and Messrs. Marshall and Sidney Sewell, residing in Lone Oak and vicinity, and Mr. Berry Sewell and Mrs. Mattie Fields, living in Arkansas; in addition there are about forty grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren; her surviving sisters are Mrs. Lucinda Covin of Hogansville and Mrs. Lucy Lee of Lone Oak; her funeral services were on Monday at Prospect church and her remains were laid beside her husband in Prospect cemetery; [from Lone Oak correspondent of Newnan Herald] Vol. 25, No. 8, January 22, 1897. In an obituary by "A Niece" in this later issue; the wife of Mr. John Pierce Sewell, she died January 10th, 1897, in the 77th year of her age; she was born in South Carolina and moved to Georgia in early life; a member of the Methodist church since early childhood, she lost her mother when she was quite young and at age 15 became the wife of Mr. Sewell; Vol. 25, No. 11, February 12, 1897 From the Meriwether Vindicator.

Children:

- i **James Henry Sewell** (May 30 1838 – Jun 20/9 1862). According to the Roster of Confederate Soldiers from Georgia, he died at home. He married, Nov 10 1859 in Meriwether County, GA., **Rosco Priscilla Fling** (Apr 30 1842 – May 20 1927) John and Rosco had one child, **John M. Sewell**, born about 1860.

After John Henry's death, she married **Dr. John T. Latimer** (1837 – 1927). Dr. John T. Latimer was a surgeon and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and a member of Company K, 55<sup>th</sup> GA Vol. Infantry Regiment. He was captured at Cumberland Gap, Tenn. Sep 09 1863 and imprisoned at Camp Douglas, Ill. He was released June 1865 and returned to Lone Oak, practicing medicine in Meriwether County, GA. Dr. Latimer and Rosco are buried in the Allen – Lee Cemetery. Her nickname was Rossie. I believe the Latimers had three children.

- ii **Sarah F. Sewell** born Jun 21 1840, GA.
  - iii **John Ashbury “Berry” Sewell** born Aug 26 1842 Meriwether County, GA. He died Jul 11 1923 in Shuler, Union County, Ark. He married **Sarah E. Culpepper**, Dec 13/5 1866 in Meriwether County, GA. They had 8 children. Most likely he served in the CSA. According to "Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas," Goodspeed Publishing Co., p. 864-5: "John A. Sewell received an early education in common schools. He enlisted in 1861 in Company B, Second Georgia Regiment, as a private, and was discharged on account of sickness. Upon recovering his health, he enlisted in Company B, First Georgia Cavalry and served with the same until the close of the war, participating in the following battles: Richmond, Danville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and was wounded at a skirmish at Mossy Creek in East Tennessee, in the left shoulder, neck and jaw, very seriously, but at present it does not trouble him to any great extent. He was with Johnston's command in North Carolina at the time of the surrender, but he afterward returned to his home in Georgia, and again began the peaceful pursuit of farming." From Culpepper Family History: <http://gen.culpepper.com>
  - iv **Andrew P. Sewell** born Jun 15 1844; died Nov 20 1884, Meriwether County, GA.
  - v **Mary A. E. M. Sewell** born Jan 04 1845. She died Aug 10 1911 Meriwether County, GA. She married **Hiram Madison Nall**, born Mar 03 1836 and died Dec 04 1912. Both are buried in the Allen – Lee Cemetery. **Hiram Nall** (1836 – 1912) was a Sergeant, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment.
  - vi **Margaret Emma or Emily Sewell** born Jun 10 1847. She died Nov 12 1930. She married **Clark D. Phillips** Dec 19 1867 in Meriwether County, GA. They had ten children. They are both buried in the Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Hogansville, GA.
  - vii **Martha C. Sewell** born Jan 14 1849.
  - viii **Celestia Rosley Sewell** born Mar 21 1853 and died Dec 09 1931 Meriwether County, GA. She married **John T. Barrow**, (1853 – 1939), Meriwether County, GA.
  - ix **Samantha L. Sewell** born Jun 17 1852?
  - x **Marshall M. Sewell** born May 15 1860. He died Oct 12 1909 Meriwether County, GA. He married **Zora Culpepper** (Sep 23 1868 – Jan 10 1959). She died possible at the Newnan Hospital, Newnan, GA and had been living with a sister in Grantville, GA. They are buried in the Allen- Lee Cemetery, Lone Oak, Georgia. No known children.
  - xi **Sydney Dickenson Sewell** born Nov25 1863 and died Jul 31 1898, Meriwether County, GA. He married **Leila Ponder** Dec 14 1885 in Meriwether County, GA. She was born Sept 21 1867 and died Feb 12 1946. They had two children.
- iii **Eliza L. Wideman** born Feb 03 1824 in Abbeville, SC. She died Dec 29 1855 in Troup County, GA. No record of where she is buried. She married Sept 02 1841 **Henry Brooks** Troup County or Meriwether County, GA. He was born Jul 06 1816 in Jackson County, GA., and died May 20 1875 Independence County, Ark. CSA. At some point Henry Brooks owned land in Dadeville, AL which he sold to R. I. Sewell Oct 29 1866. 320 acres. Perhaps he moved to Arkansas after the sale of this land. Henry married 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Rayborne Johonson, Feb 05 1857 in Troup County, GA. and they had two children.
- Children:
- i **Henry Wideman Brooks** born Jan 12 1844, Troup County, GA. He died Richmond, VA. May 22 1862/3. CSA. Corporal 14<sup>th</sup> Alabama Volunteer Infantry Reg. Company G. Company G. was from Tallapoosa County, Alabama and was called “Hillabee Blues”. According to a history of the 14<sup>th</sup> Alabama, G Company, H. W. Brooks was promoted, 3rd Sgt., 62; wounded, 3 May 63 in thigh and lost his leg. There is nothing about his death.
  - ii **John Brooks** born Sept 02 1846 Troup County, GA. He died Nov 23 1850, Troup County, GA.
  - iii **William Watts Brooks** born May 06 1850, Troup County, GA. He died Jun 10 1910 Mt. Olive, Arkansas. He married **Mary Lavinia Jeffrey**, Oct 04 1882, Fulton County, Arkansas. They had six children.

- iv **John Brady Brooks** born Oct 03 1853. He married 1<sup>st</sup> **Willia Walden**, Nov 13 1881, Independence County, Arkansas. He married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Louisa Payne** Nov 14 1897 Charlotte, Independence County, Arkansas. By his first wife he had three children and by his second wife he had five children. He died Jul 30 1916, Black Rock, Lawrence County, Ark.
- v **Child Brooks** born Nov 21 1855, Troup County, GA. Died infancy.

**See Note at the end of this article on Henry Brooks and his son, William Watts Brooks.**

- iv **Lucy Ann Wideman** born Jan 15 1825 Abbeville, SC died Jun 07 1913. She married Aug 03 1843 **William Owen Lee**. They had ten children. (See Lee Genealogy)
- v **Rachel Frances Wideman** born about 1828 in Abbeville, SC died after 1890. She married Jul 17 1845 **John Rosser**, Meriwether Co. GA. **John Rosser** was 3<sup>rd</sup> Corporal then Sergeant, E Company, 64<sup>th</sup> GA., Vol. Infantry Regiment. He was wounded, Aug 16 1864 at Deep Bottom and died of wounds, Sep 05 16 1864 in hospital, Richmond, VA. He is buried in the Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA. He enlisted Mar 01 1863.
  - Children:
  - i **Benjamin Henry Rosser** born Jul 11 1846, Meriwether County, GA. He died Jun 28 1912 Meriwether County, GA. CSA He lived in Lutherville, re the 1900 census. He married **Mary C. "Mollie" Thomas**, Dec 14 1865 Meriwether County, GA. Both are buried in the Allen-Lee Memorial Church Cemetery, Lone Oak, GA.
  - ii **Belozora I. Jane Rosser** born circa 1848. She may have married **William Hamilton**.
  - iii **John Rosser** born circa 1860.  
Above Rosser information from **The Wideman Family** in America by Darrell Wideman.

Children of second wife:

- vi **James "Henry" Wideman** born March 07 1830, Abbeville, SC and died Jan 16 1870 Troup Co., GA. Henry married Dec 11 1851, **Nancy "Carrie" Caroline Carter** of Lone Oak, GA. Nancy Caroline Carter was born Jan. 19, 1836 per pension application. They lived in Hogansville, Troup Co., GA. Ref: Census. He is buried in the Carter-Phillips Cemetery, Lone Oak, Georgia. Nancy Caroline died Feb 18 1920, Fulton County, GA. GA Death Certificate #4428B.

The Phillips Carter cemetery is in the woods about two miles east of Lone Oak behind a trailer park on the way to Luthersville, if it is still there. [Meriwether County Cemeteries](#).

Henry enlisted May 03 1862, Grantville, GA. and was a Sergeant Major in Company K, 55 Regiment GA. Infantry. Most of this Regiment was captured at the Battle of Cumberland Gap, Tenn. Henry wasn't captured. "Company K was made up mostly of men from Coweta and Meriwether County and called Ector Rifles. A greater part of is regiment was captured at Cumberland Gap, TN September 1863. On Feb 24 1864, that part of the regiment not captured was consolidated into a detachment of three companies, A, B, and C, and known as "detachment of 55th Regiment Georgia Infantry." Henry wasn't captured because he was in hospital at the time of surrender.

Up date: January 13, 2010 Ancestry.com Caroline Wideman's Confederation Pension application. Sept. 20, 1904. She was living in Fulton Co., GA. The pension application says the James. W. Wideman was born Aug. 17, 1830 in Abbeville, SC. On the application, the H stands for **Harvey**. He evidently spent some time in a hospital. This is not spelled out in her application. Nancy was classified as indigent on her application. Nancy was living with her daughter in Fulton Co., GA.

Caroline was illiterate. She signed with an x.

These companies were assigned as prison guards at Andersonville Prison and in North Carolina. In March 1865, detachments of this regiment were ordered to report to General Johnston in North Carolina, but the war ended before the order could be obeyed. The regiment had the following officers besides those already named: Cols. A. W. Persons and D. S. Printup, Maj. M. P. Tucker, and Capt. J. J. Roberson succeeded Baker.” History of the 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Nancy submitted a pension application from Fulton County, Georgia.

<http://members.nbc.com/JKMcNeillSCVcamp/55th.htm>

The Rev. James Wideman Lee is named for him. Henry was living with J. P. Sewell, James’ stepbrother-in-law and his family on the 1850 Census in Meriwether County, GA. Age 20, student. Nancy was a member of the Allen – Lee Church. Nancy C. Wideman is listed on the 1870 Census, District 11, Grantsville, Meriwether County, GA. Her real estate is valued at \$1000 and personal property at \$400.00.

Children: All born Georgia. Information based on 186/70 Georgia Census.

- i **Adeline “Ida” V. Wideman** born about 1853. She is not on the 1870 Census.
- ii **Edward H. Wideman** born about 1855/7 Died Meriwether Co., GA 1875.
- iii **Perry C. Wideman** born Oct 30 1859. He moved to Louisiana prior to 1880 as he is listed on the 1880 Census, living in Clairborne, La. On the 1910 Census, he is living with his wife, Lillian B. and son, Janlle (sp), age 17 in Claiborne, Louisiana. They are borders and his is listed as a salesman. He died Jul 19 1915, Watagua, Blowing Rock, NC. He is listed on the NC Death Certificate as a Dry Goods, Traveling Salesman. Married but wife’s name isn’t mentioned. He was buried in Homer, La. His wife is listed on the 1920 Census, living in Claiborne, La. With her son, Yandelle, his wife, Hazel and two children. Yandelle works in the oil fields. Also living with her is he mother, a Mrs. Featherstone. Lillian and family are also listed on the 1930 Census, same place. He son was listed as a Cotton Buyer on the 1930 Census, with a personal worth of \$10,000.
- iv **James B. Wideman** born about 1865 – Died after 1920, Fulton Co., GA. On the 1920 census, he is living in Atlanta with his mother, Caroline and widowed sister, Adelaide Seay. He is listed as a “repair mechanic”. On the 1930 Census, he and his sister are living in Miami, Florida.
- v **Martha “Mattie” Wideman** born about 1866. She married **John S. Thomas** Sep 30 1885, Troup County, GA.
- vi **Adelaide Lee “Addie” Wideman** born May 19 1869 and died Sep 20 1955, Troup County, GA. She married **George Warren Seay** (Oct 31 1863 - Aug 23 1917) Mar 02 1892 Troup County, GA. Both are buried Hill View Cemetery, Troup County, GA.
- vii **Martha Harris Wideman** born Mar 29 1832 (twin) and married Aug 01 1850, Meriwether County, GA., **James Marion Rosser**. Martha died Aug 25 1853 in childbirth. James Rosser’s 2nd wife was **Sarah Ann Fling**, sister of William Morgan Fling who married Martha Annabelle Lee, daughter of Emily Harris Wideman Lee and Zachry James Lee. James was a private, E Company, 64<sup>th</sup> GA Vol. Inf. Regiment. He died of meningitis, Jan 18 1864, General Hospital #2, Savannah, GA. He enlisted March 01 1863. Martha is buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery, Meriwether County, GA.

Note: “Pvt. James Marion Rosser was a member of the 64th. Meriwether Volunteers, assigned to Northern Florida and South Georgia. This Regiment was a victim of the Costal Epidemic of Meningitis that devastated the military outfits. James Marion came down with the disease shortly after Christmas 1863, after his outfit returned to Savannah from Northern Florida. He was detached from the 64<sup>th</sup>. and assigned to CSA Hospital #2 in Savannah where he died on 18 Jan 1864.”

Children



- i **Thomas Henry Rosser** born June 03 1851 Meriwether County, GA. He died Jan 17 1881 Meriwether County, GA and is buried in the Rosser family cemetery located behind the Hewlett-Moore house, 11th District Meriwether County, GA.
- ii **Julia A. T. Rosser** born Apr 02 1853 Troup County, GA and died Dec 15 1879. She married **Joshua L. Brooks** in Meriwether County, GA She is buried the Rosser family cemetery located behind the Hewlett-Moore house, 11th District Meriwether County, GA.

Children of James Marion Rosser and Sara Ann Fling:

- i **John Reuben Rosser** born Oct 1857/9, Lone Oak, GA. He died Sept 26 1909 Lone Oak, Meriwether County, GA. He married unknown in 1882 and had a large family.
- ii **Luther Rosser** born 1861, Lone Oak, GA. Luther Rosser was a friend of James W. Lee, Sr. Luther married Allie Booker, Nov 23 1884, Troup County, GA. He is buried in the Hogansville Cemetery. If I am correct, Luther Rosser was a lawyer in Atlanta and Leo Franks' defense attorney in the murder trial of Mary Phagan that began July 28 1913.
- viii **Emily Harris Wideman** born Mar 09 1832 (twin) and died Apr 16 1876 Lone Oak, Meriwether Co., GA. She married Dec 24 1848 **Zachry James Lee**, son of Zachariah Lee and Rebecca Brock Lee. They had eight children. (See Lee Genealogy for more information on their children.)
  - i **Rev. James Wideman Lee, Sr.** born Nov 29 1849.
  - ii **Martha Annabelle "Bell" Lee** born Jul 9 1851.
  - iii **Almanza Adeline Lee** born Jan 30 1852/4.
  - iv **Rebecca Ann Lee** born Dec 15 1855.
  - v **William Russell Lee** born Feb 02 1858, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Ref: Family History, father's will and Rock Chapel Cemetery. He died Aug 13 1882 and is buried in the Rock Chapel Cemetery. I would like to know more about him.
  - vi **Mary Effie Lee** born Apr 04 1860, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Ref: Family History. Family history says Mary died Feb 14 1864, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Buried: Possibly - Lee Cemetery, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia or Rock Chapel, Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia. Buried on Lee Farm?
  - vii **Joseph Zachry Lee** born March 29 1862, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Ref: Family History. Family history says he died Jul 21 1865, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Buried: Possibly - Lee Cemetery, Rockbridge District, Gwinnett County, Georgia. Or Rock Chapel, Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia. Buried on Lee farm?
  - viii **John Early Lee** born March 26 1866.

Children of third wife:

- ix **Margaret Ann Wideman** born 1834 Troup County, GA. She married Dec 21 1848 **Dr. Jeremiah Summerfield Freeman** in Meriwether County, GA. Below is an incomplete list of their children. I believe they lived in Hogansville, GA. She was mentioned in her grandfather, James Sewell, Sr. Will. Meriwether County Will Book A pp. 157 – 158. No Freeman children are mentioned.

Children: Possible list of their children. From Darrell Widemans book on the Wideman Family.

- i **Robert Freeman** born circa 1850.
- ii **Mary "Molly" Freeman** born circa 1851
- iii **Alice Freeman** born circa 1853.
- iv **Frances Lila Freeman** born May 24/6 1860 Meriwether County, GA. She died Dec 21 1930/2, Quincy, Fl. She married, Jan 19 1882, **James Harvey Belyeu** of Talbot County, GA. who died Quincy, Fl 1927. They had 12 children. Buried, Chipley, Washington County, FL.

- v **Laura Freeman** lived to be 106.
- vi **Charles Freeman** lived to be in his 90s.
- vii **William Freeman** born circa 1859
- viii **Lee Freeman**  
Possible additional children:  
**Jackson Freeman** born 1863  
**Sara Freeman**  
**John Freeman**

**Note: from a descendant of Francis Lila Freeman Belyeu:** “Frances Freeman (1859-Dec 21 1932) married **James Harvey Belyeu** (Apr 25 1853-Dec 27 1927). She had 2 sisters who refused to speak to her after this because of the reputation James had for carousing. Daddy said Frances probably died of cancer. He had Dr. James Sumerfield Freeman listed as the father of Frances. He did not recall James' wife. He also recalled that James had three other children: Charlie who lived into his 90's, Laura who died at 106 and a son who was a gun slinger and known to have killed a dozen men. Apparently, he was a formidable foe even in his later years... he was shot in the back at the age of 70.”  
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**Martha Harris Wideman and Emily Harris Wideman were born in Georgia. The exact location isn't known. It could have been in Madison, Franklin or Troup County.**

#### Addendum

#### **Transcription of the Will of Adam Wideman by Louis Sillay 26 September 2001**

**No mention is made of his wife in this will; although she appears with him on the 1840 census. She must have died before this will was written.**

South Carolina  
Abbeville District

In the Name of God Amen

I Adam Wideman Sen'r of the State and District aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will, in manner following, that is to say - - -

I desire that after my decease all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the moneys on hand

2nd and all the property and moneys heretofore given to my several Children shall be theirs and their heirs forever - - -

§ I desire that all my Estate both real and personal what nature or quantity such it may be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my several Children that is to say John Wideman, Samuel Wideman, Joshua Wideman, Adam Wideman and Uel Wideman together with the Children of my three Dec'd Children - - - Henry Wideman, Rachael Wilkes and Elizabeth Marrs. I give to the Children of my Dec'd Children only one Childs part to be equally divided amongst them, and I give it to their their (sic) heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever

§ And lastly I do constitute and apoint (sic) my two sons John Wideman and Adam Wideman Executors of this my last Will and testament by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of June 1840.

Adam Wideman

Another version of the history of Johann Henrich Waydmann (John Henry Wideman) is found on the internet. I subscribe to the earlier version but wanted to add this one too.

**By Fredric Z. Saunders**

**Johann Henrich Wäydmann** as he signed his name, arrived 30 Nov. 1750 on the *Sandwich* at Philadelphia. He was in Granville Co., NC by 1759 until 1777; in Wilkes Co., GA by 1778; ca. 1783 to Abbeville Dist., SC (now McCormick Co., SC). He died between 25 June 1803 and 22 Nov. 1806. By tradition Henry had two wives, the first being Mary Obendorf who died on the trip from Germany in 1761 (sic) and was buried on the Atlantic Ocean, and the second being Mary Taloon/Teulon of the French Colony at Bordeaux, (now) McCormick Co., SC. By tradition only Adam was by the first wife, and the other children by the second wife.

The traditions of his marriages do not fit the known facts, in that he arrived 11 years earlier than when his first wife was supposed to have died and his son Adam was to have been born. Tradition also had him settling immediately in SC. As he did not move from NC until about 1777 after most of his children were born, it is doubtful he married a Taloon/Teulon from SC. His wife in 1785 was named Mary, and she was living as of 31 Dec. 1790. She was probably deceased before the 1800 census.

Children of Henry WIDEMAN:

1. Adam WIDEMAN b. ca. 1758 (1761 according to cemetery inscription);  
m. Millie HARRIS ca. 1785; d. 1842 Abbeville Co., SC
2. Francis WIDEMAN b. ca. 1760 Granville Co., NC; wife's name unknown;  
had no children that survived as his brothers and sisters were  
his heirs; d. ca. 1826 Jefferson Co., MO
3. Thomas WIDEMAN b. 22 Dec. 1762 Granville Co., NC; m.1. ?; m.2. -?-  
COX; m.3. -?--; died between 14 Jan. and 24 Sep. 1840 Jackson Co.,  
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4. Lucy WIDEMAN b. ca. 1764 Granville Co., NC; m. John PRUITT; d. MO  
(had son James DAVIS, a free Negro, prior to marriage to PRUITT)
5. Elizabeth WIDEMAN b. ca. 1766 Granville Co., NC; m.1. James COUCH;  
m.2. Elijah BENTON; d. MO
6. Leonard WIDEMAN b. 4 July 1768 Granville Co., NC; m. Savil HANVEY;  
d. 6 Oct. 1831; bur. Wideman Cem., McCormick Co., SC
7. John WIDEMAN b. ca. 1770; m. Polly; d. ca. 1826 Jefferson Co., MO
8. Sarah "Sally" WIDEMAN b. ca. 1772 Granville Co., NC; m. Charles  
PRUITT; d. MO
9. Clarissa WIDEMAN b. ca. 1774 Granville Co., NC; m. John WILSON;  
living 1850 Jefferson Co., MO (age 76)
10. Mark WIDEMAN b. ca. 1776; d. ca. 1827 Jefferson Co., MO
11. Jacob WIDEMAN b. ca. 1778; m. Sarah; d. between 1 June 1840 and  
11 Nov. 1842 Jefferson Co., MO

The idea that Henry WIDEMAN's wife was a TALOON dates back to at least 1923 when at a WIDEMAN reunion in SC a family tree was drawn Mark Edward BRADLEY [1879-1965, of Sarah WIDEMAN (4), Adam WIDEMAN (3), Adam WIDEMAN (2), Henry WIDEMAN (1)], and Frances E. "Pet" WIDEMAN [1879-1958, of James Warren WIDEMAN (4) Adam WIDEMAN (3), Adam WIDEMAN (2), Henry WIDEMAN (1)]. This family tree listed Henry as having first married an "OBENDORF," and second a "TALOON." They probably had input from other elder WIDEMAN family members, descendants of both Adam WIDEMAN (2) and Leonard WIDEMAN (2).

The first record found published for the general public stating this was in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 92 (1938): 288-289 by member Jerome Edwards WIDEMAN. He stated he was a

descendant of Henry, that Henry's first wife was an OBENDORF (no first name) and his second wife a "TALOON (or TEULON)" (no first name).

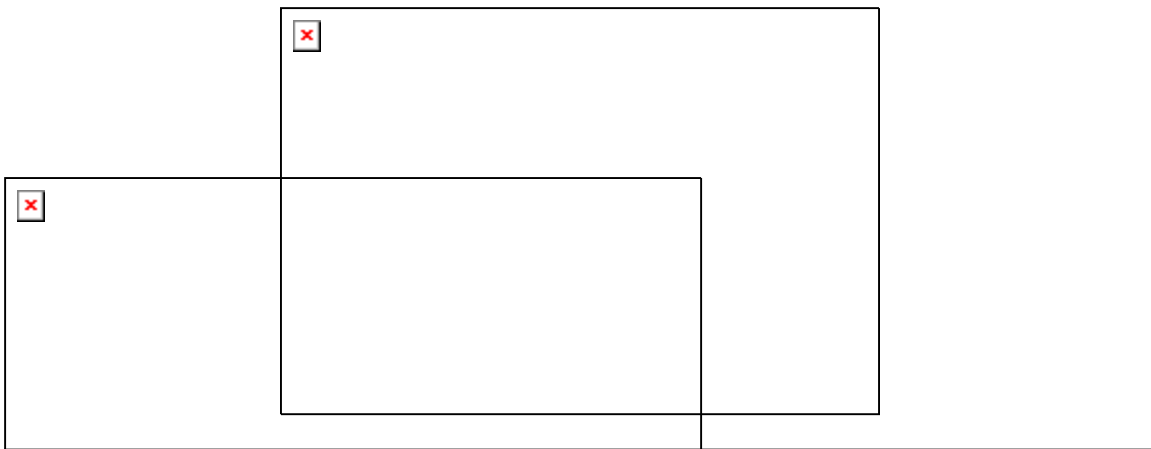
A TEULON family was located in the Abbeville, South Carolina area. In a deposition dated 25 Nov. 1836 from Christiana TEULON, she stated she was born 20 June 1756 in the city of Limerick, Ireland, daughter of George PATTERSON and Catharine TEULON. Her parents moved to Kilkenny in West Ireland, then Glasgow, and then in the neighborhood of Edinburgh. To avoid a press, her father enlisted in a regiment which was later ordered to America. He served in the Siege of Quebec, and after his discharge was given bounty land and settled not far from Charlotte, NC. He sent for his family, and she (Christiana) her mother and sister Jenny landed in Charleston in June 1768 where their father met them and took them to his home in was later called the New Acquisition. She first married George HENDERSON in March 1772, who died in 1775 as well as she recollects. She married on 1 Jan. 1779 to Charles TEULON at Briar Creek in Georgia. (Revolutionary War Pension File of Christiana/Charles TEULON, R10474, FHL microfilm 972360).

Many family traditions have some truth, but over generations small errors often appear in this verbal information. Henry WIDEMAN was the father of Leonard WIDEMAN (1768-1831) who was the father of Leonard WIDEMAN, Jr. (1796-1847). It is known that that Leonard WIDEMAN, Jr.'s wife Sarah Carson PATTERSON was born in 1796. While her ancestry is not known at this time, could she have been a granddaughter of George PATTERSON and Catherine TEULON, by a son born after the 1768 arrival of George's family in South Carolina?

Descendants of Leonard WIDEMAN, Sr. at the 1923 reunion were probably all descendants through his son Leonard, Jr., the only of his father's sons that remained in SC. If they provided the information for the 1923 reunion that Leonard WIDEMAN Sr.'s mother was a TEULON, they may have been correct in the surname, but wrong in where TEULON was in their ancestry.

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Wideman-Harris-Willis Cemetery  
**McCormick County, SC**



**Time and Mother Nature tend to reclaim everything. How true this is with the evolution of the Wideman-Harris-Wilkes Cemetery in McCormick County, SC.**

**To determine the location of this cemetery has been a project of mine for several years. My 4th G Grandfather, Adam Wideman is laid to rest here, as well as my 5th G Grandfather, John Harris.**

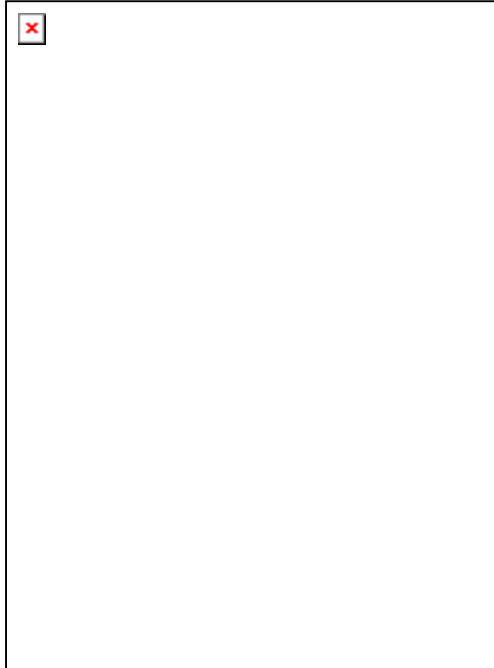
The cemetery is in the Sumter National Forest on land that once was know as the Dansburg plantation. The Wideman connection to this Dansburg plantation is unknown to this author.

I , along with my mother, first visited the area in March of 2001 to find the cemetery, I was armed with GPS coordinates taken from an electronic map ( Garmin Map Source ver 4.0 ). After searching in the heavy woods for a couple of hours, the search was abandoned ( for this visit ).

The next and successful visit was in April of 2001. With accurate

directions provided by Cousin, Ed Morrah, the cemetery was easily located. The difficulty in its location on our first visit was due to the GPS coordinates taken from the map - they were about 1/2 mile from the cemetery's location. If I could find that map maker....

The cemetery can be located by the following directions:  
From the town of McCormick, SC, take SR 28 N and go till you reach the intersection of S 33-38. Turn to your right. There is a historical marker at this intersection. Go about 2 miles to where the pavement ends and a "T" of roads intersects. At this junction is the old Wideman plantation house "Ivy Gates". Proceed on the dirt road straight ahead ( has a sign Road Closed - due to the bridge over Long Cane Creek being out ). Continue on this dirt road about 1 mile, cross bridge over creek and then take first dirt road on your right. Follow this road 1.1 ( the road takes a sharp 90 degree turn to your left about 1 mile in ) miles. You will see a place where there is a turn off from this road and the shoulder is higher than anywhere else along the road. Here is growing a lone cedar tree about 3 feet tall ( N33 59.493 W82 22.418 ) ( April, 2001 ). You will see red paint on two trees, enter the woods here and follow the red painted trees about 400 yards until you come upon the cemetery ( N33 59.482 W82 22.416 ). The cemetery is outlined in trees with blue paint on them ( to mark the location for a logging operation that is going on in the area ).



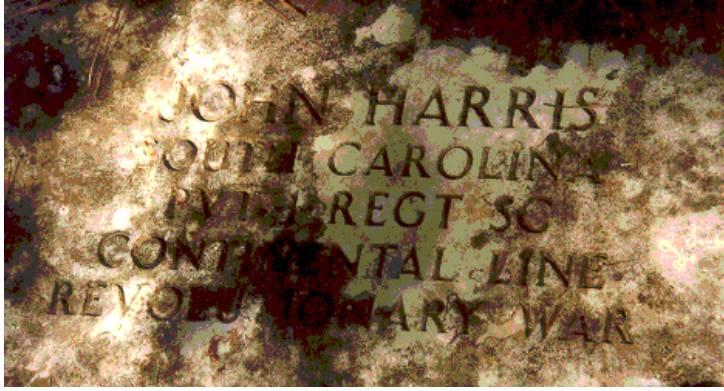
An aerial photo of the road can be seen at <http://terraserver.homeadvisor.msn.com/printimage.asp?S=10&T=1&X=1866&Y=18810&Z=17&W=2>. This is a 1994 photo. The center of the cemetery will be found 5 and 7/8 inches down from the top of photo and 2 and 1/4 inches from left side

A topographical map of the cemetery can be seen at <http://www.topozone.com/map.asp?z=17&n=3761831&e=373024&s=25&size=m>. The location is marker with a red cross at the left edge of the knoll. The road is barely discernible, but runs through, and just to the right of the center of the knoll.

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Those laid to rest in the Wideman-Harris-Wilkes Cemetery:

There are unidentified stone markers in neat rows that show that there must be 150-200 graves in this cemetery.



**John Harris**, South Carolina, PVT 1  
Regt. S.C., Continental Line,  
Revolutionary War ( has a VA  
Marker as well )

Sacred to the memory of Thomas J. Willis, who departed this life 20 July 1843, Aged 20 years 7 months & 22 days. Cut down in the bloom of youth to bloom in immortal glory. Cherished and loved by all who knew him. Blessed are the dead to die in the Lord.

**Adam Wideman**, SC. Pvt. SC Militia, Revolutionary War, 1761 - 1842

In memory of Lucy Carolin, wife of Adam Wideman ( son of the above Adam Wideman ), Born March 15, 1812, Died April 27, 1848, Aged 36 years 1 month and 12 days. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

M. E. McK, 1852 E. W., 1840, 1---- (illegible), W. M. W., 1840, J. H. W., 1832, F. C. W., 1835, M. W., 1834, F A H, G E. W., 1829 J. K. W., 1837 J. L. W., 1846 In memory of Sarah Ann Cowan, consort of Wade Cowan, Born Febr. 3rd 1818, Died Dec. 10th 1854, Aged 36 years and 10 months, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. W. H., 1844 J. H., 1850 In memory of Margaret Cowan, consort of Wade Cowan, Born Sept. 14, 1824, Died Oct. 4, 1852, Aged 28 years & 20 days, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints

It is a shame that the final resting place of two Patriots who fought so that we could have a United States of America has all but vanished. Lets not ever let their memory vanish....

### **Henry Brooks and his son, William Watts Brooks:**

*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas:*

*FULTON COUNTY—ITS FORMATION, ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS—ITS CAPITAL AND BUILDINGS—POLITICAL RECORD—THE BENCH AND BAR—SITUATION OF THE COUNTY—IMPORTANT STATISTICS FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF IMMIGRANTS—REAL AND PERSONAL TAXATION—AGGREGATE POPULATION—EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ADVANCEMENT—SELECTED FAMILY RECORDS—THE GREAT REBELLION—MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS.*

W. W. **Brooks**, now in the employ of the Mammoth Spring Fish Farm, was originally from Troup County, Ga., where he was born in 1851. His father, Capt. **Henry Brooks**, was born in Jackson County, Ga., in 1816, and was married in Troup County, of the same State, to Miss Eliza **Wideman**, a native of Troup County, born in 1824. The mother died in 1856, and two years later Mr. **Brooks** removed to Tallapoosa County, Ala., from there to Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1868, and in 1870 to Independence County, Ark., where he died in 1874. He had been married twice. During his entire life he followed the occupation of a farmer, and was very successful in this pursuit. During the late war he was captain of Company G. Fourteenth Alabama Infantry, Confederate Army, and was with the Army of Virginia until 1862, when he resigned on account of poor health. He then joined Young's company of Alabama State troops and served until the close of the war. He was captured at the surrender of Selma, Ala., and paroled. He was major of the militia in an early day, and held the position of justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a member of the Masonic

fraternity for years, and also belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His father, John Brooks, was born in Jackson County, Ga., and died in Troup County, of the same State. He was of English descent, was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a soldier in the early wars. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a native of South Carolina, and died in Troup County, Ga. W. W. Brooks was the third of four sons born to his parents. Like most of the youths of his vicinity, as he grew up he devoted his time and attention to labors on the farm, and in the meantime received a fair education in the common schools. He began for himself at the age of twenty-one and went to the Lone Star State, where he went at braking on the railroad. Later he clerked in a store at Batesville for two years, and was then made deputy sheriff of Independence County. After this he engaged in the milling business, railroading, and was also in the railway mail service for a number of years, or until in March, 1889, when he was employed by his present company. His marriage to Miss Mollie Jeffery occurred in 1882, and two sons were the result. Mrs. Brooks was born in IZARD County, and is the daughter of Daniel M. Jeffery, who was also a native of IZARD County, where he died in 1888. He was a farmer, also being a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. Mr. Brooks came to Fulton County, Ark., in 1880, lived at Salem three years, and while there was engaged in the milling business. Since then he has resided at Mammoth Spring. He was appointed by President Arthur postmaster at Mammoth Spring, and filled this position in a satisfactory manner for two years. He was justice of the peace from 1884 to 1886, and was postmaster at the same time. In 1885 he was a member of the equalization board of Fulton County, appointed by Gov. Hughes. He was formerly a member of the I. O. F. He is an active worker in the Democratic party, and voted for Horace Greeley in 1872.