

THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS  
OF  
JAMES MARION WHITE AND LUCY ANN HOLT

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## ORIGIN OF NAME

### COCHE----COXE----COX

The Cox, Carey, Chappell, Willis, Rowan and Bartlett (or Bartley) families all came from England or Wales in the early part of the Seventeenth Century, and settled near Jamestown, Virginia on the bend of the James River.

These names were used as given names in the Cox families through the generations.

The Careys and Coxes intermarried in Virginia sometime in the 17th Century.

The earliest mention of the Cox name occurs in connection with the History of the Norway Conquest. Among the families of France that followed the fortunes of the redoubtable King William was that of Lacoq and from that, changed by easy usage to the great variety of names under which the family has since been known in England and America. The origin or meaning of the name is not known. The history of Norfolk County, England, gives the original name as Coke or Cocke, meaning river. County seats Cokesford, Cocksthorp and Cockmouth. There is perhaps an element of truth in both theories and among the numerous Cox families of Great Britain it is quite possible that many may have originated after the manner described, but it is not unreasonable to suppose that a greater number have descended from the man who came from France bearing the distinct name of Cock, which afterward became patronymic of the family. Sir names were not common in England until after the thirteenth century. It is probable that the founder of the family which was dubbed "LeCoq" from some characteristic which resembled that of valorous bird. The name, whether given in jest or earnest was significant of fighting qualities and constant watchfulness. This later view corresponds with the heraldic devices and mottos which appear upon the more ancient of the family crests.

The name under one or another of its changes appears later in nearly all of the counties of London, especially that Hartfordshire and by the sixteenth century it was well-known in every quarter of the United Kingdom. It includes all sorts and conditions of men during the reigns of Henry VIII, Mary and James I. Several members were connected with the Royal household. Others not directly related to nobility were scarcely less prominent. Among them were merchant princes and rovers of the sea, country gentlemen and men of war, members of learned professions and a great multitude of the same name and blood not less worthy though unknown to fame.

In the religious controversies which prevailed during the Reformation period none were more widely known than Richard Cox, the famous Bishop of Ealy, 1499---1581. There can be no question of his scholarly ability, loyalty to church and king. Another illustrious name was one of these distinguished by a Cock bearing the head aloft underneath which is the significant motto: "Vigilantia" Watchfulness excels. Others have two and still others three Cocks on their coats of arms with motto: "Semper Vigligans" Always on the Alert.

Coch of Newcastle served Richard Plantagenet in the third Crusade, 1188 to 1192. William Cox, Esq. of Ballyhoe County, Limerick, Ireland, claims lineal descent from Plantagenet of the twenty-seven or more English families of the name bearing arms. Tho they can all apparently come from this same stock, the armorial bearings indicate kinship. The origin of the Cox, Cocks, Coke families cannot be traced beyond the 11th century. Not until 200 years later can lines be discovered and traced.

THOMAS COX

(From records of Rev. W. M. Edward Cox, D.D., South Pines,  
North Carolina.)

Records in North Carolina contain data about a William Cox, born in 1598 who came from England to Virginia in 1610, on the ship "Godspeed". On September 20, 1628, he was given a grant of land in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, and on November 29, 1636 he had a grant of land in Henrico County, Virginia on the James River. On September 1, 1642 he bought jointly with Isaac Hutchins 250 acres at the mouth of Falling Creek along the James River, and on August 5, 1665 his son Thomas Cox sold half of this 250 acres.

The names and dates coincide there is no record that will definitely connect this Thomas Cox with Thomas Cox, our ancestor who was of Welch Ancestry.

(See Memoirs of Georgia Vol. I PP 1958)

His ancestors having resisted the English king, their lands were confiscated. Thomas settled at Jamestown, Virginia in 1614 and owned a fine Estate on the James River.

His ten sons were:	Ichabod	Sampson	Jesse
	Asa	Carey	Rowan
	Willis	Orren	Bartley
		George	

(Note how the Names Carey, Willis and Asa carry down)

A story of interest handed down thru the years was that Thomas Cox bought from a Dutch trader a negro man and his wife, the latter losing her mind when her mate died of typhoid fever. She tried to drown herself, her two children and George the youngest Cox child, as she had a superstition they would all join her dead husband in Africa. George was resuscitated.

Our ancestor Cary Cox I, is said to be a descendent of George or Asa, but the connecting link was lost during the families sojourn in North Carolina in the 1700's

(From 1614 to 1724 we have no record, 100 years or four generations are missing.)

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CARY COX, SR. I

Cary Cox, Sr, was born in Virginia about 1736 (another estimate is 1744) He was married to Mary Horne in 1762. Mary Horne was the daughter of John Horne of Craven County Virginia, and Mary Magdelane Horne (Records of wills in this County 2-4-1744 11-20-1744)

Here in Virginia, their first son William was born and they then migrated to Halifax, North Carolina where they lived during the Revolution and where all of the other of their children were born.

Cary Cox, Sr. and his son William were both revolutionary soldiers. William entered the service 4-16-1776, served as a private in Captain Caswell's Company, Col. Budwells Regiment, and was discharged 11-10-1778.

There is a record of a William Cox who was born in Fauquier County, Virginia in 1755. He also entered the Revolution from North Carolina and died in Putnam County, Georgia. (He is believed to have been Cary's Brother).

Pension records, Vol. 99 PP 20 NSDAR Library, Washington, indicate Cary Cox Sr. was wounded and returned home. Records found in Memoirs of Georgia, Georgia Historical Society, indicate Cary lost a finger in the Revolutionary war.

In 1790 the family moved to Edgefield District, South Carolina and from there they moved to Warren County, Georgia in 1799 and finally to Putnam County Georgia in 1807, where they settled at Stanfordsville (Lost Town) called "Devils Half Acre" about 12 miles South of Eatonton, Georgia.

Cary Cox, Sr. and his wife are buried in the family burial grounds in a seperately fenced enclosure near where the old home stood. Inscription on the stone reads:

Cary Cox, South Carolina, Pvt. U.S. Army, Rev. War.

(I visited this place in 1958) It is said that Cary Cox, Sr. was a Primitive Baptist Preacher.

#### CHILDREN OF MARY HORNE AND CARY COX, SR.

1. William--Born 1762 Married Katie Roberts
2. Jesse Born 1766 Married Nancy Taylor (1)  
Nancy Hobbs (2)
3. Ichabod Born 1769 Married Mary Rowan (Daughter of James  
and Ann Renfro Rowan)  
(Died at the age of 95)  
He served as Senator Talbot County 1828  
Justice of Peace--Jones County 358 District  
1810 to 1817  
He was the grandfather of General John B. Gordon (See  
Civil War Records) The General John B. Gordon home still  
stands at Milledgeville, Georgia built in 1820, and is a  
historical show place. (Buried Greenhill Cemetery near  
Cusetta (Stewart Co. Georgia.)
4. Asa Born 1778 Married Mariah Rountree  
(This union produced 14 children---he had a  
son Jesse Born Jones County 1815---we find  
a Jesse Cox Cemetery at Mulberry Groove, Harris  
County Georgia.) Asa died at 91 years.
5. Cary Cox Jr. Born 1778 ---Married Martha Rountree
6. James B. Born \_\_\_\_\_ Married Exa Delaney Robertson (1)  
Elizabeth Martin  
Southall (2)
7. Clarissa B. Born \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

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#### HART

#### ROUNTREE

The medieval form of the name was le Hart, the name is a common one throughout the various counties of England, including Kent, Devon, Middlesex and Essex. We hear of John le Hart as early as 1273 in Hundred Rolls of Kent County. Thomas Hart, ancestor of the family in America, was a merchant in London. In 1638 he emigrated to Virginia and settled in New Kent County. (See early Virginia Immigrants PP 151)



Thomas Hart's Son, Thomas II, married Sussannah Rice. He was born in New Kent County, Virginia in 1679, died in Hanover County, 1755; his Son, Benjamin born 1730 died in Brunswick Co., Ga., 1799,. After the death of his Father, Thomas Hart, Jr. he moved to Orange County, North Carolina, and in 1760 was appointed County Commissioner. He lived for a while at Edgefield, S.C., and was married to the famous Nancy Morgan (Hart) (copied from Americana, 1935-----P 134-135)

(From American Compendium, Vol VI PP 634)

Thomas Hart, from London, England, settled in Hanover County Virginia, 1690, Merchant. Thomas Hart II (1678-1755) Hanover County Virginia married Susannah Rice, who, after her husband's death moved with her children to Orange County, North Carolina in 1760. Son Benjamin (1730-1798), to what is now Albert County, Georgia, thence to Kentucky; He served as Lt. in American Revolution and was married to Nancy Morgan, who became the famous Nancy Hart, believed to have been the daughter of Brig. Gen. Dan Morgan, Am. Rev.

Richardson Rountree married Mildred Hart, who was probably the grand-daughter of Thomas Hart, Jr. and Susannah Hart.

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RICHARDSON ROUNTREE

MILDRED HART

Richardson Rountree was born in Goochland County Virginia in 1751, and died in Edgefield District, South Carolina in 1818. Records in this District show a copy of his will, and account and sale of his estate by administrators Daniel and James Rountree, on May 24th 1819. The inventory of this estate shows that he was a farmer and merchant. Amount of estate after all debts were paid was \$9,523.97, a very nice sum for those days, after rearing a large family and no doubt having given a portion to each child as they married. In settlement of the estate Cary Cox and Asa Cix were mentioned as legatees, both having married Rountree girls.

His wife Mildred Hart evidently preceded him in death, as there was no mention of her in the settlement of the Estate.

Richardson Rountree served as a Revolutionary Soldier. (See list in State Library, Richmond Virginia.)

(From South Carolina Records)

Richardson Rountree born 1751, Goochland County, Virginia, Died 1819 (his will recorded 4-20-1819, Edgefield S.C.) Wife was Mildred Hart, Born 1758, died about 1790, Union County, S.C. They were married in 1775.

Richardson, was the son of William Rountree, Jr., born 1722 new Kent County Virginia. died and will probated 9-16-1766, recorded deed Book 9, PP 38, Goochland, County Virginia. Married to Elizabeth Turner.

William Jr. was the son of William Rountree, New Kent Co. Virginia 1704 and his wife was Dorcas Dudley.

Records in 1704 indicate they were in Nansemonde County, Virginia and later in Hanover County, Virginia, and still later in Orange County North Carolina.

Records in Washington Landscripts PP 188 # 2 mention William Rountree----age 34----Virginia-----Brown Complexion, Planter---6-feet 3 inches tall on a list of men brought up by John Wiatt from Gloucester.

CHILDREN OF RICHARDSON ROUNTREE

Isabel Rountree Born 1785 Married William Stevens  
 Mariah Rountree Married Asa Cox  
 Martha Rountree Born 1783 Married Cary Cox, Jr.  
 Sara Clara Rountree Born 1784 Married James Jefferson Smith  
 Molly B. Rountree Born 1775 Married Elijah Wilbourne  
 Elizabeth Rountree Married William Goldsmith  
 William Rountree  
 James Rountree  
 Thomas Rountree  
 Georgia O. Rountree Married S.C.Scott 6-15-1857  
 Edgefield Dist. So. Car.  
 Washington, Rountree Married Elizabeth Steven 6-22-1856  
 Edgefield Dist. So. Car.

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SIMON HOLT (PATERNAL LINEAGE)

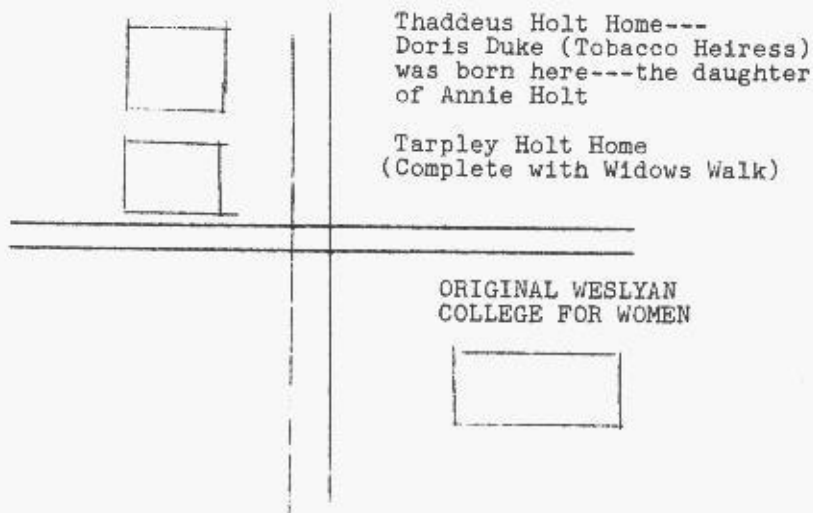
Simon Holt of Fairfax Count House, Virginia was born 1736 and married to Sarah Hines who was born in 1741.

Simon Holt died in 1816 and Sarah Hines in 1824, and they are buried at Milledgeville, Georgia, the Old Capitol, 1838--1868. Records can be found in the Milledgeville Georgia, Courthouse.

Their Ten Children Were: Pulaski Robert Raleigh  
 Thaddeus Hines Peyton  
 Singleton Simon Tarpley  
 Nancy

We can find no record in Virginia beyond Simon Holt and Sarah Hines, of the Holt Family.

The home of Thaddeus Holt is a beautiful many columed Southern Mansion in Macon, Georgia. It is in splendid condition, and is listed in the 1957 Publication of "Our American Heritage" as an attraction in Macon, Georgia. It is located across the street (corner wise) from the Original Wesleyan College for Women. This college is also listed as an attraction for Macon visitors.



CAREY COX, JR. II

Rev. Carey Cox, Jr. (II) was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, October 1, 1778 and died June 7, 1871.

He was married to Martha Rountree, daughter of Richardson Rountree of North Carolina on January 10, 1799. Martha Rountree was born October 6, 1783 and died June 30, 1863.

Either by purchase or inheritance he acquired the plantation estate of his Father, consisting of some 2000 acres of land.

Here he built the two story dwelling that housed the Cox family and that was still standing in 1923. Tho the house was closed, there was at that time much of the furniture stored in it. There was a handsome old mantle piece in white and gilt, and a spiral stairway going up from the back porch.

At the right of the entrance to the grounds there stood an old ante-bellum weaving house. It was the custom of the Cox's to have an annual family reunion; and on such occasions the dwelling was inadequate for the crowd, and the men and boys slept in the weaving house. On the last of these occasions in October 1870 there were 231 living grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grand children of this wonderful family. At their reunion in 1846, of his sixteen children there were twelve present with their children and grandchildren numbering 92.

In 1862-63 Cary (Carey) Cox II had 30 sons, grandsons, and sons-in law, in the Confederate Army.

Rev. Carey Cox joined the primitive Baptist Church at Mount Gilead in May 1811. He had charge of the church near him for 52 years.

At the close of the war he would have had 100 slaves freed, if he had not given them to his children.

CHILDREN OF CAREY COX II and MARTHA ROUNTREE COX

	BIRTHS
Chappell Cox	December 20, 1799
Willis Cox	January 21, 1801
Frances Cox	September 9, 1802
Nancy Cox	January 14, 1804
Maria Cox	July 11, 1805
Elizabeth Cox	September 27, 1806
Claricy Cox	February 20, 1808
Orren D. Cox	December 6, 1809
Martha Marian Cox	February 26, 1811
Carey Cox, Jr. (III)	October 15, 1812
Naomi A. Cox	May 17, 1814
Ichabod Cox	January 7, 1817
Wm. T. Cox	July 28, 1818
Joseph Cox	March 28, 1820
James Daniel Cox	January 28, 1822
Benjamin Merrell Cox	July 7, 1825

Rev. Cox built the house which we have already described on 2000 acres of land located about 12 miles South of Eatonton, Georgia. The area is know as "Devils Half Acre" and thru it runs Murder Creek. This place is now ( in 1958) known as the Mathis Place. Rev. Cox gave this place to his son Joseph Cox but retained a life interest in it. Joseph married Fannie Farrar Cox a daughter of John Farrar who had come out of Virginia in 1832. After Joseph was killed in the war, his widow married Major T. J. Mathis.

We are told that Fannie Farrar Cox Tathis and Major Mathis were very kind to Cary Cox who lived with them until his death, and that he was treated with every consideration. He died June 7, 1871. After Fannie Farrar Mathis death this place went to her step children. Mr. J. E. Mathis, Supt. of Schools at Americus Georgia kept the old matle piece (mentioned earlier) when he sold the place as administrator.

The old house still standing in 1938 had been purchased by the government and was being used for highway hands and for equipment. When we visited this place in 1958 there was no sign of the house left, only the family burial garden in the center of a beautiful pine forest.

Buried here are:

Carey Cox, Jr. and his Wife  
Martha Rountree. Joseph is  
buried in a tomb outside of  
the family plot and the tomb  
is marked Born 3-28-1820  
Died 8-10-1864

The burial plot is fenced by  
granite stones at least 15 inches  
in thickness and there are several  
graves in the plot besides those  
of Carey Cox and Martha Rountree  
Other grave markers read:

Nancy Griggs died 9-1-1823 age 19 years  
Martha R. (Daughter of James and Nancy Griggs)  
died September 1823 (Age 9 Months)

+++++MARRIAGES+++++

Frances Cox	William Holt	Dec. 18, 1817
Nancy Cox	James Griggs	Nov. 24, 1818
Naomi Cox	Benjamin Lloyd	Feb. 22, 1832
Chappel Cox	Martha Mathis	Dec. 22, 1819
Willis Cox	Betsy Moore	Apr. 22, 1823
Orren D. Cox	Emily T. Moore	Feb. 21, 1833
Carey Cox III	Fany Styth Baynes	Sept. 19, 1843
Wm. T. Cox	Adeline Pearson	Nov. 28, 1839
Wm. T. Cox	Narcissus Pearson	(2'nd Marriage)
Joseph Cox	Frances Farrar	Oct. 13, 1842
Martha Cox	James Griggs	(Brother-in-law)

Naomi Cox and Benjamin Lloyd are reported to have had 19 children.

(Eatonton, Georgia is the birthplace of Joel Chandler Harris, who heard the tales of an old slave, Uncle George Terrell. Uncle Georges home is on the Courthouse lawn in Eatonton, and a status of the famous Uncle Remus---whose stories came from Uncle George.)



Few records were available on Robert Holt aside from the fact that he was the son of Simon Holt and Sarah Hines and was probably born around 1760. Records in the Courthouse of Sparta, Georgia indicate that he served as Jury Foreman at that place and that he served as District Judge from 1797 to 1814.

He came to Sparta, Georgia from South Boston, Virginia and his four children were:

William  
David I.  
 Joseph  
 Sallie

(David I. Holt is thought to have settled somewhere in Texas)

\*\*\*\*\* WILLIAM HOLT \*\*\*\*\*

William Holt, Born April 14, 1792, died September 18, 1874 was the son of Robert Holt. He married Frances Cox on December 18, 1817. Frances Cox was born September 19, 1802.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

Martha Ann	Eliza	Harriett
Mary	Lou	William
Peyton	Fannie	<u>Willis Cox</u>
David S.	Carey	Micajah

(one child died in infancy)

William Holt settled in Talbot County Georgia on 3000 acres of land which lies 12 miles East of Talbotton, Georgia. His home was a two story colonial house with twelve rooms. Floors were pegged with wooden pegs, and nails were handwrought. Beams were hand hewn. This house is in a forest reserve and was being torn down in 1958 when I visited it. Remains were there--- old fireplaces, old floor beams and foundation. (I have wooden pegs and handwrought nails from the place)

Aside from his duties as plantation owner, William Holt practiced law in Talbot County Court House at Talbotton, Georgia.

Peyton Holt was a Doctor and lived on the home place near Talbotton and practiced medicine. He was administrator of the Estate and when the William Holt estate was divided each of the twelve children were left with an inheritance of some \$125,000.00

(this will account for the story TO BURN A WET MULE found in the Columbus Paper and copied here under the heading James Marion White and Lucy Ann Holt White)

William Holt lost two sons in the War between the States. Micajah and Willis Cox. Willis Cox was the Father of Lucy Ann Holt White. In the Family burial ground in the forest reserve fenced in heavy stone are buried:

William Holt  
 Born 4-14-1792  
 Died 9-18-1874  
 Aged 82 years 5 months 4 days

Frances Cox, wife of  
 William Holt  
 Born Sept 18, 1802  
 Died Oct. 18, 1869  
 Age of 67 years

Micajah H. Holt  
 Born Feb. 12, 1846  
 Died July 20, 1864

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF WILLIAM HOLT CHILDREN

Martha Ann -----married-----William Little  
 Children: Willaim Augustus  
 Mary Lou

Eliza-----James McMurray  
 Edward  
 Fannie J.  
 Dewitt (lived in Dallas, Texas and  
 Graham associated with Dallas Times  
 John Herald)

Harriett -----Bailey (1st)  
 Sallie -----Moore (2nd)  
 Mattie Isaac Hill (3rd)  
 William Isaac

Mary-----John Castlein of  
 (Upson County Georgia)

Lou-----John Ray (Talbot Co. Ga.)  
 Fannie Lou  
 Carrie

Peyton R.-----Ludie Brown (1st)  
 Mattie  
 Frank  
 loula Hattie Platt (2'nd)  
 Willie  
 Platt  
 Jessie

Fannie-----Lem Bufford of Alabama

\*\*\*\*\* WILLIS COX HOLT-----SUSIE BIRD BUSSEY  
 WILLIAM FRANKLIN  
 LUCY ANN  
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David S.-----Sarah Catherine Godkin  
 (10 children---5 died in infancy)  
 Benjamin J.  
 Frank W.  
 Arcadia J.  
 Sarah C.  
 John G.

Carey Cox Holt-----Anna Turner  
 Ella

Macajah -----Never married, badly  
 wounded in war and died on the  
 way home at the age of 18.

\*\*\*\*\*WILLIS COX HOLT\*\*\*\*\*

Willis Cox Holt was born about 1838 on the Holt Plantation  
 in Talbot County Georgia, 12 miles East of Talbotton, Georgia.

He was married to Susie Bird Bussey, and to the union were  
 born two children: William Franklin Holt  
 Lucy Ann Holt 4-23-1860 11-26-1944

He practiced law in Cusseta, Georgia, in Catahoche County  
 Courthouse. He was a colonel in the 10th Brigade, Longstreets  
 Army, and was killed in Action in the Battle of the Valley in 1864.  
 (The battle of Cedar Creek)

Willis Cox Holt is buried in a memorial cemetery back of the Masnuttan Military Academy, located between Winchester and Woodstock, Virginia.

Fifty Eight graves completely encircle a monument which reads as follows:

- NORTH SIDE: Sons of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia  
South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and  
Louisiana  
C.S.A.
- WEST SIDE: Unknown, this voiceless stone in deathless  
song shall tell the story how ye fell.
- SOUTHSIDE: Erected by Shenandoah Chapter United Daughters  
of the Confederacy in Memory of Confederate  
Soldiers buried in Woodstock. 1899
- EAST SIDE: Cast Down but not destroyed.  
2'nd Cor. 4-9  
Honor and Fame the Record Keep 1861

(EXCERPT FROM VOLUME III R. E. Lee---Describing the battle  
of Cedar Creek:)

Longstreet gave Early authority and in the exercise of the discretion thus given him Early decided to assume the offensive and On October 19th he attacked Sheridan near Cedar Creek. The battle was his during the forenoon, but in the afternoon some of his infantry broke; the enemy's cavalry outflanked him and he was forced into a disorderly retreat, with the loss of twenty three guns and about 3000 men.

SUSIE BIRD BUSSEY

After the outbreak of the war, Susie Bird Bussey Holt and her children William Franklin and Lucy Ann made their home with her sister Lou at the latters Louvale Plantation Home.

Mention is made of her visits to the William Holt Plantation home where the children were born and the fond memories the children had of their grandfather William Holt and their Uncles.

Her children also remember that she made a visit or so to their father while he was still in the confederate army.

After Willis Cox Holt died on November 18, 1864 from wounds he received in battle, Susie Bird Bussey was married to a man named Kane, and to this union there was born three children.

EMMA                      SUSIE                      HAMILTON

In 1873 after the death of their Mother these three children and William Franklin and Lucy Ann who were the Children of Willis Cox Holt moved again to the plantation home of "Aunt Lou" at Louvale, Georgia.

Lucy Ann Holt was born at the plantation home of her Grandfather William Holt, at Antioch, Talbot County, Georgia on April 23, 1860.

When she was four years old her father died from wounds received in the battle of Cedar Creek. Her Mother remarried and after eleven years she too died, and Lucy Ann and her Brother William and their step-brothers and sisters, Emma, Susie and Hamilton moved to the home of their Aunt Lou. (Their Mother's sister.)

Uncle "Hez" Bussey, Brother of Lucy's mother figured in the education of Lucy Ann, when he sponsored her to a Masonic School at Lumpkin, Georgia. (we visited the site of the school in 1958, but little remains of the original building.)

No record of the White-Holt descendents would ever be complete without mention of the colorful "Aunt Lou"---Mistress of Louvale, and who seemingly effected the lives of all she touched.

She apparently ruled with an iron hand and tho she was small in stature, she was wirey, aristocratic, and tyrannical in her decisions and she "reigned" at Louvale until her death.

At Louvale we found the plantation home much the same as it was in the early days. The gardens are gone, and the store the plantation provided for the slaves needs is gone, but we found the house inside and out much as it had been described by Lucy Ann to her children so many times.

The house, a two story, white frame house, has porches on three sides. It is divided downstairs by a T shaped hall with kitchens and workrooms for the slaves back of the T. A narrow stair leads to the number of bedrooms on the second floor which housed the many visitors and relatives who were continually at "Louvale". (the house is now occupied and owned by the Richardson family)

In the yard stand the beautiful Magnolia trees, and the old slave bell is still there. In the small village that has grown up around what once was your ancestors plantation, we found churches still in use that they used and in the church yards we found the burial grounds where several of the relatives are buried.

We saw the home of Dr. Peek the family physician, well remembered by Lucy Ann White to her children, and in the house we visited the "borning room" so called because all of the children who were born at Louvale were born in this room.

(THE FOLLOWING CLIPPING COPIED FROM THE COLUMBUS PAPER)  
(COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 1959)

"Valley Echoes"

Old Church has only two members----- By Tom Sellers

Down in Louvale, Georgia, the old glades are lonely, for the children who played here when the great trees were acorns have passed on, and the shadows grow longer on the weed-rich paths and empty fields.

Like other valley communities, Louvale is going to seed like an okra plant in the fall. A great deal of the land has been bought up by the paper companies and is devoted almost exclusively to raising pine trees for pulp wood. Less than a dozen farmers are left.

Many of the old families have moved away. Those remaining are a sort of rear guard who still find life here restful and pleasant and full of splendid memories. One long-time resident Mrs. John B. Richardson, calls it "the garden spot of the world".

#### BURN A WET MULE

A good example of how Louvale has declined is the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, founded well over 190 years ago. This church today has only two members----Mrs. Richardson and her husband, and they aren't young any more. The future of old Antioch is hardly what you'd call bright.

The Richardsons live in a two-story 16 room house in a grove of gargantuan oaks and magnolias. It is a rambling, comfortable place where time seems to stand still. This venerable mansion, located a stone's throw from the Louvale Post Office, is probably the most historic spot in the hamlet.

At one time it served as a hotel for railroad workers. It is the home of a remarkable woman. Mrs. Lou Tatum, whose wealth is still a subject of whispered legend.

A beloved elderly citizen of Louvale named M. D. Shierling, known by one and all simply as "Uncle Doc", says that Mrs. Tatum had so much paper money "she could've burned a wet mule with it".

#### FORMERLY ANTIOCH

She owned a cotton gin, saw mill, grist mill, dairy and thousands of acres of land. She also was a major stockholder in a railroad built across the waist of Georgia from Savannah to Louvale.

The line----the Savannah, Americus and Montgomery was extended to Montgomery about 1894, but for a long time Louvale was the terminus, and railroad hands spent the night at the Tatum house before returning to Savannah.

The Community formerly was known as Antioch. It was given the name of Louvlae in honor of the well-fixed Mrs. Tatum, a widow of two Doctors (Porter and Tatum) and a charter member of the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church. She died in 1914.

Louvale used to be incorporated, but as farming declined and population decreased the town status was removed. There is a saying here that Louvale is "five miles long and thirty feet wide" which points to the fact that the settlement simply stretches along the highway and that is it.

#### THEY SWAP ABOUT

The churches of Louvale have an arrangement. Their monthly meeting dates are set for separate Sundays and the congregations swap about. "If we didn't, says Mrs. Richardson, there wouldn't be anybody but the preacher."

Three of the old-style white frame churches are located in a row beside U.S. Highway 27 (Louvale is in Stewart County about halfway between Cussetta and Lumpkin) They are New Hope Baptist, Marvin Methodist and Antioch Primitive Baptist. Down the road is Bland Memorial Baptist and the total membership of the four is believed to be about 62.

Joint Sunday Schools are held by the Methodists and Baptists, with denominational literature changing each quarter. Mrs. Richardson, who came here with her husband 37 years ago expecting to stay only three weeks, blames the roofing and paper companies for the drop in population. The roofers arrived about 40 years ago, bought up the land and then left, she said. Now the paper companies have it. Its been a cancer in Stewart County is her opinion.



The Richardsons plan to hold on to their acres as long as they can. Some people might find Louvale as dead as an old gourd, but to this family and a few others it is God's own promised land.

There just isn't anywhere else they say.

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In the period from 1861 to 1864 Aunt Lou's husband Dr. Porter passed away and she shortly thereafter married Dr. Tatum.

When Grandfather William Holt died in 1874 you will find in previous records that he left quite an estate to his heirs. With both parents dead this left the estate to Lucy Ann Holt and William Franklin Holt. It is no wonder that "Aunt Lou's" wealth is a whispered legend since she apparently was a self appointed guardian of the children and their money.

Relatives in Georgia told us that Dr. Tatum was best known for the railroad he built which terminated at Louvale for a time. When a city grew up at Lumpkin the railroad naturally went to Lumpkin. Family legend says that Dr. Tatum an eccentric old gentlemen would not see his best laid plans go astray so he had a spur run to the back of the plantation home to the depot that he built, (see story from Columbus paper) and each day in his later years the children were summoned totake him in his wheelchair to the porch that he might see his train run.

In 1958 we found the old depot still standing back of the Louvale Plantation home, and we crossed and recrossed the railroad many times (with much joking about it).

With this description of "Aunt Lou" you certainly won't be surprised to know that she was not adverse to choosing suiters for her young charges and that she was much displeased that Lucy Ann chose to marry an overseer employed by her Aunt.

It was under these circumstances that Lucy Ann Holt married James Marion White in 1876 after a courtship which she often described to her children.

James Marion White was born September 17, 1852 in Stewart County Georgia, the son of Martha and Anderson White.

(efforts to check records in Stewart County, Georgia further back than 1908 are futile since the Couthouse there was destroyed by fire at that time)

We are told that Anderson White the father of James Marion White was killed in warfare with a group of men who had slaughtered a calf belonging to him and whom all believed were carpet baggers.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF JAMES MARION WHITE:

Annie	Married Allen Sims
12-14-1850	9-15-1938
Nancy	(a step-sister)
Billy	

This children and their Mother Martha White came to Texas to live with James Marion White and his family when they left Georgia in 1881 and his Mother, Martha White is buried in Wood County, Texas. Children of Billy and Annie are believed to have settled near McGargle, Texas.

CHILDREN OF JAMES MARION WHITE and LUCY ANN HOLT

STEWART COUNTY GEORGIA  
 Mary Annie (died in infancy)  
 10-23-1881 11-5-1937

WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
 Johnnie 2-9-1883 4-24-1902  
 Infant (born and died in Wood Co)  
 Emma 7-29-1885 6-27-1949  
 Ida 4-28-1893  
 Susie 11-21-1888 - (Agnes)  
 4-28-1893

HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS  
 Jewel 12-11-1897 12-12-1898  
 Eula 1-2-1896

JONES COUNTY, TEXAS  
 J.P. 5-8-1906

JAMES MARION WHITE  
 9-17-1852 8-21-1919  
 LUCY ANN HOLT WHITE  
 4-23-1860 11-26-1944

Annie White married Wilburn Lane 12-11-1897

Hurcial 7-12-1896  
 Wilburn Audry 2-17-1898  
 William Preston 10-30-1900  
 Rheata Love 8-7-1904

Emma White married B. F. Day 10-3-1903

Clarence  
 Raymond  
 Rheta  
 Marian  
 Frankie Lou

Died 1955

Ida White married J. I. Foster 7-8-1905

Robert 7-4-1906

Susie White married J. P. London 12--27--1903

Harry 2-16-1908  
 James Marian (Jack) 8-16-1912  
 Frank 11-16-1924

James Ivan White married Sallie Reese Dec. 1924

Jaymie 3-19-1930  
 Dickie 3-10-1933

Eula White married W. I. Norman 8-15-1912

Johnney (died at about age 9)  
 T. A.  
 Margaret

J. P. White married Pat Goad 9-16-1944

SUSIE WHITE  
LONDON

Lucy Ann (Eolt) White

Willis Cox Eolt

Elsie Bird Eussey  
Eolt

Frances  
Cox  
Eolt

William Eolt

Rev.  
Carey  
Cox

Martha  
Rountree  
Cox

Robert  
Eolt

Carey Cox, Sr.

Mary Horne

Richardson  
Rountree

Mildred  
Eolt

John Horne

Mary  
Magdelene  
Horne

William  
Rountree Jr.

Elizabeth  
Turner

Benjamin  
Eolt

Nancy  
Morgan  
Eolt

Thomas Eolt II

Susannah Rice

Thomas Eolt 1638

Thomas  
Cox 1614

Martha White

Charles Marion White

Anderson White

Nattie  
Harper (White)  
Touchstone