SMITH FAMILY

WILLIE JACKSON'S GRANDFATHER

JESSIE CURBY SMITH MARRIED FANNIE ELIZABETH FULLMAN.

GRANDMA FENDLEY'S (ELLEN SMITH) BROTHER'S AND SISTER'S.

OLDEST--DOCK GREEN SMITH
JOHN WESTLEY
JOLE BULOGARD
WILLIAM EDWARD
JOSEPH LEROY
FRANK
MARY ALMEDA MARRIED JAP CURBE
JESSIE LEE MARRIED WILL HUDSON
LILLIE VIOLA MARRIED JOE BLAKE
ELLEN CLEVELAND MARRIED JIM FENDLEY
FANNIE ELIZABETH MARRIED JEFF HOPPER

JESSIE CURBY SMITH WAS A SOLDIER, (COLONEL) IN THE CIVIL WAR.

HE LED A GROUP OF MEN UNTIL HE WAS ALMOST KILLED AND HE SURRENDERED TO SAVE THE REST OF THE MEN. JESSIE WAS WOUNDED IN ONE OF HIS BEFORE THE WAR WAS OVER HE AND LEGS AND IT NEVER DID HEAL. THEY HAD NOTHING TO EAT IN WEEKS. AND THEY HIS MEN WERE HUNGRY. WERE WAY OUT IN THE DARKNESS AT NIGHT IN A CAMP AND THEY HEARD THEY GOT UP AND WENT IN THAT A ROOSTER CROW WAY OUT SOMEWHERE. DIRECTION UNTIL THEY CAME TO AN OLD FARM HOUSE. THEY CALLED OUT TO THE OLD MAN THAT LIVED THERE AND TOLD HIM WHO THEY WERE AND HE WAS AFRAID TO COME OUT. BUT HE HOLLERED OUT THE WINDOW AND TOLD THEM TO GET OUT IN THE BARN AND GET WHAT THEY WANTED AND GO IN THE FIELD AND GET WHAT THEY WANTED, ALSO GO IN THE CHICKEN HOUSE AND GET WHAT THEY WANTED BUT PLEASE DON'T HURT US. DID JUST THAT AND THEY GOT ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS. THEY FOUND AN OLD BUCKET TO COOK THEIR FOOD IN, AND THEY HAD A FEAST. JESSIE HAD A SON NAMED FRANK WHO ALSO WENT TO WAR AND HE DIED WITH WHAT THEY CALLED MEASLES. MY MOTHER TOLD ME HER FATHER WAS A BRAVE MAN AND HIS WIFE FANNIE HAD ELEVEN CHILDREN, SIX

BOYS AND FIVE GIRLS. FANNIE WAS HALF DUTCH AND JESSIE WAS IRISH DECENDANT. FANNIE DIED WHEN MY MOTHER, ELLEN CLEVELAND SMITH FENDLEY, WAS ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD, AND JESSIE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN. COUSIN PEARL TOLD ME THERE WAS A STATUE OF OUR GRANDFATHER IN FLORIDA IN A PARK AT JACKSONVILLE (NOT SURE) OR IN SOME OTHER PLACE IN FLORIDA. SHE WAS TOLD THIS BY SOMEONE THAT LIVED THERE. ELLEN HAD TEN CHILDREN AND I AM THE ONLY ONE LIVING NOW.

WRITTEN BY:
WILLIE (FENDLEY) JACKSON
SEPTEMBER 17,1993

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BIBB COUNTY

To any Ordained or Licensed Minister of the Gospel, Judge of the Circuit or Probate Courts or Justice of the Peace, for said County GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between J. A. Findley and Ella Smith and this shall be your sufficient authority for so doing.

Given under my hand and seal this 19 day of Nov. A.D. 1895.

J. L. Davidson Judge of Probate

The above Named Parties were married by me at McGraw Town on the 19th., day of November A.D. 1895.

N. L. Wilson

JP

(L.S.)

STATE OF ALABAMA

BIBB COUNTY

I, W. L. Pratt, Judge of Probate, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Marriage License of J. A. Findley and Ella Smith as the same appears and remains of record in Book I of Marriage License Page 422 of the Record of the Probate Office, Bibb County, Alabama. Chis the 28th., day of February, 1944.

W. J. Pratt. Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama,

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

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