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MCCOMBS OF MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

Descendants of Robert McComb

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Robert McComb was a prominent citizen of Georgia's antebellum state capital, Milledgeville. Over a period of fifty years he and his sons operated hotels catering to visitors to the capital. Robert was also the patron of McComb's Mount, a large estate east of the city. He was active in the political world of Baldwin County, as an hotelier, a host, and an elected official. Members of his family were associated with three different Protestant churches. Despite their long and continuing role in Milledgeville history, no study of the life of Robert McComb and his descendants has been compiled. A cursory family history appears in Anna Maria Green Cook's 1925 *History of Baldwin County*¹ and a historical sketch of the McCombs by Lucian Lamar Knight is fraught with inaccuracies.² To correct the deficiencies in both publications, this paper expands the family history into a four-generation genealogy and provides a biographical sketch of Robert McComb, his children, and his grandchildren.

Samuel McComb Sr. arrived in Charlotte, North Carolina, before 16 April 1771, the day he purchased two town lots on Tryon Street.³ Extant court records in Mecklenburg County begin in 1774 and Samuel obtained a license in April that year to keep a tavern at his dwelling.⁴ Almost every year from then until October 1796 he returned to obtain a new license for his tavern.⁵ No clues to Samuel's origins were found in Mecklenburg County deeds, estates, or court minutes. An in-depth search for additional evidence was not performed.

¹ Anna Maria Green Cook, *History of Baldwin County Georgia* (1925; reprint Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Company, 1978), 377-82.

² Lucian Lamar Knight, *Georgia's Bi-Centennial Memoirs and Memories* (1931), 366.

³ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Deeds, 6:378.

⁴ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 1774-1785, p. 209.

⁵ Samuel McComb entries, Mecklenburg Co. Court of Common Pleas, minutes, 1774-1796.

Samuel married the widow Jane Davidson, whose paternity is also not known. Jane had at least one son, William Davidson, by her former marriage.⁶ Jane and Samuel were married by 1789, as their first son (also named Samuel) was born in October that year.⁷ William Davidson served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1818 to 1821 and Samuel McComb the younger was commissioner of the U.S. Mint in Charlotte beginning in 1835.⁸ Samuel McComb Sr. died by July 1798.⁹ He wrote a will in September 1795 naming his wife Jane and three children: Samuel, James, and Mary.¹⁰ The document does not account for the birth of his last son, Robert.

In October 1798, Jane McComb made a motion to revoke the will of Samuel McComb due to the birth of a child after the will was made.¹¹ Evidence presented at court showed that Samuel had made statements of his intention to update the will to provide for the additional child. The motion was granted, the will was revoked, and letters of administration were issued to Jane, the widow, and General Robert Irwin. In July 1809, the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions appointed guardians for each of the minor children of Samuel McComb: Samuel, Polly, James, and Robert.¹² Guardians for the first three children posted bond.¹³ Robert's guardian, James Spratt, posted no bond because he was appointed for the purpose of contesting the will of Samuel McComb.¹⁴ Immediately upon approval, the guardians for the children named in Samuel's will made a motion to set aside the original order that annulled Samuel's will.¹⁵

The court ordered that James Spratt—along with Jane McComb and her new husband—come before the next court to defend the annulment of the will.¹⁶ Apparently, they failed to do so because the will of Samuel McComb was ordered recorded, the annulment set aside, and all letters of administration previously issued revoked.¹⁷ The court wrangling appears to have served to legally separate the children from their new stepfather, Henry

⁶ Karne M. McConnell, Janet S. Dyer, and Ann Williams, eds., *A Life in Antebellum Charlotte: The Private Journal of Sarah F. Davidson, 1837* (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2005), 135-36.

⁷ Samuel McComb gravestone, The Old Cemetery, Thomasville, Ga.

⁸ *Life in Antebellum Charlotte* [*supra* note 6], 19, 135.

⁹ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 4:115.

¹⁰ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Wills, E:12.

¹¹ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 4:127.

¹² Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:46.

¹³ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:46.

¹⁴ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:46.

¹⁵ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:51.

¹⁶ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:71.

¹⁷ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Court of Common Pleas, Minutes, 5:71.

Emerson, who married Jane in May 1809.¹⁸ With the will reinstated, Robert received no direct benefit from it, but Samuel forgot to mention a 120-acre tract of land.¹⁹ Because the land was not addressed in the will, it was distributed through the intestate process and divided equally among Samuel's heirs.²⁰ Each child—Samuel, James, Mary, and Robert—drew lots to pick one of four 30-acre surveys.²¹

Proof that Robert McComb of Milledgeville is the son of Samuel and Jane McComb of Charlotte is found in Jane's estate papers in the mid-1830s.²² Jane named her son Robert in her will.²³ The final settlement of her estate included an accounting of the payments to each legatee, providing the location of residence for those living outside of Mecklenburg County.²⁴ James McComb was living in Cabarrus County, North Carolina; grandson Benjamin F. Davidson was living in York, South Carolina; and Robert McComb was living in Georgia.

Robert McComb moved to Milledgeville in 1818.²⁵ He apparently came with his in-laws. Thomas Huson, father of Sarah Huson²⁶ and "formerly of Charlotte," opened his Planter's Hotel in Milledgeville on 15 October 1819.²⁷ Before coming to Milledgeville, Huson had opened a boarding house in Jefferson, Georgia, in the spring of 1818.²⁸ Thomas died 24 June 1822 in Milledgeville, at age 55.²⁹

Research of antebellum Baldwin County history is hampered by an 1861 courthouse fire that destroyed almost sixty years of Superior Court records, including all recorded deeds and minute books.³⁰ Records of the Probate Court, or Inferior Court as it was called then, were not affected by the fire. Because Robert McComb died before the fire, the record gap related to this

¹⁸ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Emerson-McComb marriage bond, Marriage Bonds, County Records Collection, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh.

¹⁹ Petition of Oct. 1810, estate of Samuel McComb of Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina Archives, Raleigh.

²⁰ Petition of Oct. 1810 [*supra* note 19].

²¹ Estate of Samuel McComb, plat of the divisions of the land of Samuel McCombs.

²² Estate of Jane Emerson of Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina Archives, Raleigh.

²³ Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Wills, G:128.

²⁴ Estate of Jane Emerson, final settlement.

²⁵ "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union* [Milledgeville], 14 April 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

²⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Court, Returns F:58, final return, estate of Thomas Huson.

²⁷ "Planter's Hotel," *Georgia Journal*, 28 Sept. 1819, p. 3, col. 6.

²⁸ "Healthy Situation," *Reflector*, 28 April 1818, p. 3, col. 4.

²⁹ "Died," *Georgia Journal*, 25 June 1822, p. 3, col. 2.

³⁰ "Court House Burnt," *Southern Recorder* [Milledgeville], 26 Feb. 1861, p. 3, col. 1.

project is particularly acute, leaving many questions about his land and business transactions unanswered.³¹

The hotel and tavern business involved regular ownership transitions, re-naming, and moves. The lack of Superior Court records hampers detailed study of these business deals in Milledgeville. However, newspaper advertisements offer a cursory history of Robert McComb's entry into the hotel business there. In 1822, Robert advertised that he had opened his own hotel, called the Golden Ball.³² According to the advertisement, this was the place formerly operated by Timothy Bruen—possibly the Eagle Tavern.³³ It is unclear from existing records if the Golden Ball was the same as the Eagle Tavern, if it was an adjoining establishment, or if Timothy Bruen had previously operated a separate business. Whatever the details, McComb sold the “Golden Ball Tavern” to Elam Alexander and William F. Scott within a year.³⁴

After an apparent departure from the city for a period of time, Robert announced on 4 January 1825 that he had returned to “his former stand” under the name “Eagle Hotel.”³⁵ The business was called alternately the “Eagle Hotel,” the “Eagle Tavern,”³⁶ and the “Eagle Hotel and Stage Office”³⁷ in advertisements. Its exact location is unknown. Robert's son Samuel took over operation of the hotel by 1841.³⁸

Tax digests show that McComb did not own any property until 1833, when he purchased land in Milledgeville worth \$5,000.³⁹ Owning the land gave McComb a permanent location and this transaction almost certainly represents his purchase of the building that became the “McComb Hotel.” Robert's 1833 purchase of the property in Milledgeville coincided with his mother's death in Charlotte. Robert received \$1,345 from Jane Emerson's estate, amounting to more than twenty-five percent of the value of the land in Milledgeville.⁴⁰

The most serious event of Robert McComb's life came the same year he bought the Milledgeville property. On 21 November 1833, the *Georgia Tele-*

³¹ All Baldwin Co. deed indexes from 1861 to 2006 were searched for “Robert McComb.” No documents were found in which Robert McComb was the grantor or grantee.

³² “Golden Ball,” *Georgia Journal*, 5 Feb. 1822, p. 3, col. 3.

³³ “Eagle Tavern,” *Georgia Journal*, 25 Sept. 1821, p. 3, col. 4.

³⁴ “City Hotel,” *Augusta Chronicle and Georgia Advertiser*, 8 Feb. 1823, p. 3, col. 6.

³⁵ “Eagle Hotel, Milledgeville,” *Georgia Journal*, 4 Jan. 1825, p. 3, col. 5.

³⁶ “Eagle Tavern,” *Georgia Journal*, 11 Oct. 1825, p. 3, col. 5.

³⁷ “Eagle Hotel & Stage Office,” *Georgia Journal*, 17 March 1828, p. 3, col. 5.

³⁸ “Eagle Hotel, Milledgeville, Georgia,” *Federal Union*, 31 Aug. 1841, p. 3, col. 3.

³⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., 1833 Tax Digest, Milledgeville, Robert McComb entry. Robert McComb was not taxed on land in 1825, 1831, or 1832.

⁴⁰ Estate of Jane Emerson, final settlement.

graph reported that “a serious affray took place at McComb’s Tavern in Milledgeville on Tuesday night, in which Henry C. Byron was killed, and Wm. Ward dangerously wounded.”⁴¹ McComb fired the deadly shot but was not brought to trial. The shooting was an act of vigilante justice, common in the 1830s South, and the event would be remembered as the fault of Byron who “assaulted and insulted” the McComb family.⁴² If any detailed record was created for use by the courts, it was destroyed in the 1861 courthouse fire.

In 1837 or 1838, Robert McComb purchased “Mount Nebo,” a 900-acre tract of land previously owned by former governor David B. Mitchell.⁴³ Located on a high, wide area six miles east of Milledgeville, the plantation became known as “McComb’s Mount.”⁴⁴ In 1856, about a year before his death, McComb deeded the entire McComb’s Mount property to his children.⁴⁵ The recorded version of the deed burned in the Baldwin County courthouse fire of 1861; however, an 1885 deed summarized the facts of the 1856 transaction.⁴⁶ The property was to be maintained in the family until the youngest child, Ione, reached majority. Through multiple real estate transactions over a period of forty years, the heirs of Robert McComb slowly sold their interests in the property to their siblings.⁴⁷ By 1912, title to McComb’s Mount was fully vested in Gordon McComb and his wife.⁴⁸

Robert served as a state senator in 1833 and 1842, and in the state House in 1840.⁴⁹ He was an active member of the Whig Party. In 1845, Robert served as a delegate to the party’s convention to select a candidate for governor of Georgia.⁵⁰ Robert was also identified as an attendee at multiple Whig meetings in Baldwin County.⁵¹ He was at a public meeting in Milledgeville on 13 July 1850 “for the purpose of expressing their feelings at the death of President Zachary Taylor,” the last U.S. president to be elected as a Whig.⁵²

⁴¹ *Georgia Telegraph* [Macon], 21 Nov. 1833, p. 3, col. 1.

⁴² “Two Notable Places in Town,” *Union and Recorder*, 11 Nov. 1884, p. 4, col. 2.

⁴³ Baldwin Co., Ga., Tax Digest, 1838, Town District, entry for Robert McCombs; “Mount Nebo,” *Georgia Weekly Telegraph* [Macon], 18 Sept. 1877, p. 2, col. 5.

⁴⁴ “News From Three States,” *Columbus Enquirer-Sun*, 7 May 1887, p. 3, col. 1.

⁴⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, R:479.

⁴⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, R:479.

⁴⁷ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:10; U:539; Z:457; OO:300.

⁴⁸ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, OO:490.

⁴⁹ Robert McComb entry, General Name File, Georgia Archives. Entries in the General Name File identifying state representatives were compiled by archives staff from House and Senate journals that include lists of members at the start of each legislative session.

⁵⁰ “Delegates to the Whig Convention,” *Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel*, 12 June 1845, p. 2, col. 2.

⁵¹ *Southern Recorder*, 12 Aug. 1845, p. 3, col. 5; “Whig Meeting in Baldwin,” *Southern Recorder*, 18 May 1847, p. 3, col. 5; “Whig Meeting in Baldwin,” *Southern Recorder*, 14 Aug. 1849, p. 3, col. 4.

⁵² *Southern Recorder*, 16 July 1850, p. 2, col. 5.

No evidence has been found that identifies Robert's religious association. His first wife, Sarah, joined the Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville on 12 November 1826.⁵³ His second wife, Camilla, joined the Methodist church in 1855.⁵⁴ Robert's children were divided among the Protestant denominations. H. E. McComb joined the Presbyterian Church.⁵⁵ Samuel was a member of the Methodist church at his death.⁵⁶ J. H. McComb had a Methodist funeral.⁵⁷ Robert A. and his descendants were members of the Episcopal Church.⁵⁸

Like most men of his class in the South, Robert owned slaves. At least 47 lived and worked on his land in 1850.⁵⁹ The next census year, 109 slaves were enumerated with Robert's heirs: Camilla, Robert A., Samuel, and William S.⁶⁰ Fourteen were hired out to Wm. S. Darnell at the time.⁶¹ Three McComb slaves—Harry, Jim, and Nancy—joined the Methodist church attended by Camilla McComb.⁶² Albert Calhoun, a former slave of Robert McComb, testified on behalf of William S. McComb when he made application to the Southern Claims Commission.⁶³ Robert Howard, husband of a former slave of Camilla McComb, also testified for William.⁶⁴

Robert McComb died at his home on McComb's Mount the morning of 9 April 1857, probably from a stroke.⁶⁵ He did not leave a will. Letters of administration were issued to his son William on 5 October 1857.⁶⁶ Because he had conveyed his real property to his family prior to his death, neither the hotel nor the Mount properties were included in the estate, which was made

⁵³ Faith S. Turnipseed and James W. Turnipseed Jr., "Genealogical Gleanings From the Minutes of the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville, Georgia, 1826–1900" (typescript, Warner Robins, Ga.: 1988), 1; "Communicated," *Southern Recorder*, 13 March 1830, p. 3, col. 5.

⁵⁴ Janice A. Hardy and Harold Lawrence, *Milledgeville, Georgia, Methodism: Abstracted from Local Newspapers [1900–1904]* (Milledgeville, Ga.: Boyd Publishing Co., 2004), 152.

⁵⁵ "Death of Mr. H. E. M'Comb," *Union Recorder*, 19 Sept. 1909, p. 1, col. 4.

⁵⁶ "The Funeral," *Federal Union*, 7 Feb. 1871, p. 3, col. 1.

⁵⁷ Hardy and Lawrence, *Milledgeville Methodism* [*supra* note 54], 1910–1915, p. 130.

⁵⁸ Parish Register, 1870–1895, p. 122, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Milledgeville.

⁵⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., slave sch., p. 127, Robert McCombs entries.

⁶⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., slave sch., p. 29 (Camilla), 33 (Samuel), 35 (William S.), 37 (Robert A.).

⁶¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., slave sch., p. 36 (verso), Wm. S. Darnell, Hirer.

⁶² Hugh Harrington, *Methodist Church Record Books, Milledgeville, Georgia, 1811–1876* (Milledgeville, Ga.: Boyd Publishing Co., 1997), 118, 121, 134.

⁶³ Cross-examination of Albert Calhoun (colored hotel waiter), undated; William S. McComb (Baldwin Co., Ga.), claim no. 51873, Barred and Disallowed Case Files of the Southern Claims Commission, 1871–1880, Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, Record Group 233; National Archives micro-publication M1407 (1987).

⁶⁴ Cross-examination of Robert Howard, William S. McComb claim [*supra* note 63].

⁶⁵ "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union*, April 14, 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

⁶⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Court, Letters of Administration, 1852–1857, p. 60.

up entirely of personal property.⁶⁷ Sons Robert A. and Samuel took over McComb's Hotel.⁶⁸

He was a kind and affectionate father, and an indulgent master. He was a man of a kind heart, and many of the poor in this community will remember him for his timely assistance. He expressed himself satisfied with his fate, and died we are informed, without much pain. The sympathies of the community are with his widow and children in their bereavement.⁶⁹

SUMMARY AND DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT MCCOMB

1 ROBERT² MCCOMB (*Samuel*¹), son of Samuel¹ and Jane (—) (Davidson) McComb, born in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on 13 March 1797,⁷⁰ died in Baldwin County, Georgia, on 9 April 1857 and was buried in the city cemetery of Milledgeville, now called Memory Hill Cemetery.⁷¹ He married in Mecklenburg County (marriage bond executed on 19 August 1817) SARAH W. HUSON,⁷² who died on 6 March 1830 due to complications of childbirth,⁷³ the daughter of Thomas Huson.⁷⁴ Robert married secondly in Milledgeville on 10 July 1833 MARY CAMILLA SANFORD,⁷⁵ born 12 October 1815, who died on 17 October 1903.⁷⁶

Children of Robert² and Sarah W. (Huson) McComb:

- i THOMAS³ MCCOMB, b. N.C. or Ga., 28 Oct. 1818, d. 2 Sept. 1821.⁷⁷ Thomas was born around the time the family came to Milledgeville in 1818.⁷⁸
- 2 ii MARTHA ANTOINETTE MCCOMB, b. 2 Nov. 1820;⁷⁹ m. JOHN HENRY LUMPKIN.
- 3 iii ROBERT A. MCCOMB, b. 13 Oct. 1822;⁸⁰ m. MARY JANE LAWSON.
- iv MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE MCCOMB, b. 5 March 1825,⁸¹ d. Milledgeville 4 Sept. 1859.⁸² According to Cook in *History of Baldwin County Georgia*,

⁶⁷ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Court, Minutes, 1852–1870, p. 108.

⁶⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 143, lines 28, 34.

⁶⁹ "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union*, April 14, 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

⁷⁰ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery; "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union*, 14 April 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

⁷¹ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery; "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union*, 14 April 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

⁷² Mecklenburg Co., N.C., Marriage Bonds, County Records Collection, McComb-Huson marriage bond: North Carolina State Archives.

⁷³ "Communicated," *Southern Recorder*, 13 March 1830, p. 3, col. 5.

⁷⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Court, Returns, F:58, final return, estate of Thomas Huson.

⁷⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, A:217.

⁷⁶ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery; "Death of Mrs. Camilla McComb," *Union Recorder*, 20 Oct. 1903, p. 1, col. 3.

⁷⁷ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 379.

⁷⁸ "Death of an Old Citizen," *Federal Union*, 14 April 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

⁷⁹ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 379.

⁸⁰ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 379.

⁸¹ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

Marquis De LaFayette McComb d. in July, but contemporary newspaper accounts clearly establish his death the first week of Sept.⁸³ He never married and had no known children. Marcus, or Mark, as he was called by friends and family, was born 22 days before the Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette arrived in Milledgeville on his tour of America.⁸⁴

Marcus was active in Democratic politics and other community and state affairs. He served in the state legislature from 1851 to 1854, was a lieutenant in the Baldwin Blues militia unit, and was employed as Secretary of the Executive Department at his death.⁸⁵ Before working for the governor, Marcus operated the Huson Hotel with his brother Robert.⁸⁶ While on a trip he fell ill, dying after returning to Milledgeville.⁸⁷ He was 34.

v WILLIAM D. MCCOMB, b. 21 Sept. 1826, d. 3 Oct. 1827.⁸⁸ According to *History of Baldwin County*, William was b. on 22 Sept.⁸⁹

vi SAMUEL MCCOMB, b. 14 May 1828,⁹⁰ d. 30 Jan. 1871,⁹¹ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.⁹² He never married and had no known children. With his siblings, Samuel followed the McComb family tradition and entered the hotel business. His first solo effort was the Eagle Hotel, taking over the property from his father by 1841.⁹³ He and brother Robert operated the McComb Hotel after their father's death.⁹⁴ Samuel was active in local politics as a Whig like his father and in 1855 he was on the executive committee of the Anti-Know Nothing meeting.⁹⁵ He also served on the city council.⁹⁶

During the Civil War, Samuel served in Company H, 4th Georgia Infantry Regiment, entering as a lieutenant.⁹⁷ On 13 June 1862, he was appointed Assistant Commissary of Subsistence in the staff of General Cook. He was captured in Nov. 1864 and released at Fort Delaware on 4 June 1865.

⁸² "Death of Col. M. D. McComb," *Federal Union*, 6 Sept. 1859, p. 3, col. 2.

⁸³ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

⁸⁴ "Gen. Lafayette," *Georgia Journal*, 5 April 1825, p. 2, col. 5.

⁸⁵ Ruth Blair, *Georgia's Official Register, 1925* (Atlanta: Georgia Department of Archives and History, 1925), 285; "Company Room Baldwin Blues," *Federal Union*, p. 3, col. 3; "Executive Appointment," *Federal Union*, 18 Oct. 1859, p. 3, col. 3.

⁸⁶ "Huson's Hotel," *Federal Union*, 11 Oct. 1853, p. 3, col. 6.

⁸⁷ "Death of Col. M. D. McComb," *Federal Union*, 6 Sept. 1859, p. 3, col. 2.

⁸⁸ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁸⁹ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

⁹⁰ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

⁹¹ "Death of Capt. Sam'l McComb," *Federal Union*, 31 Jan. 1871, p. 3, col. 2.

⁹² Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁹³ "Eagle Hotel," *Federal Union*, 31 Aug. 1841, p. 3, col. 3.

⁹⁴ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 14 Feb. 1871, p. 3, col. 3.

⁹⁵ *Southern Recorder*, 14 Aug. 1849, p. 3, col. 4; "Anti-Know Nothing Meeting," *Federal Union*, 25 Sept. 1855, p. 3, col. 5.

⁹⁶ *Federal Union*, 22 Feb. 1859, 3, col. 3.

⁹⁷ *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Georgia*, microfilm publication M266 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service), roll 185, Fourth Infantry, L-M, compiled service record for Samuel McComb, A.C.S., Co. H.

After the War, Robert and Samuel took control of the Milledgeville Hotel.⁹⁸ Samuel continued to be involved in community affairs, serving two terms in the state legislature in 1865 and 1869,⁹⁹ and as vice president of the Milledgeville fire company.¹⁰⁰ Samuel also showed horses at fairs across the state, winning prizes for the fastest and most stylish horse in the Eatonton Fair in 1870.¹⁰¹

In an act unique to his family, Samuel wrote a will at age 32, giving all of his property to brother Robert.¹⁰² At the time, the two were co-owners of the McComb Hotel and Samuel may have had some reason to believe he would not survive much longer. He was killed at age 42 when he was thrown from his buggy.¹⁰³ According to Cook in *History of Baldwin County*, Samuel was killed in Feb., but newspaper accounts of the accident establish that Samuel died in Jan..¹⁰⁴

- vii SARAH ELIZABETH MCCOMB, b. 25 Feb. or 26 May 1830, d. 4 May 1831.¹⁰⁵ Her mother d. nine days after her birth.¹⁰⁶ Cook's *History of Baldwin County* states that Sarah was b. on 26 May 1830. It appears that Cook's date was calculated back one year and nine days from 4 May 1831 instead of one year, *two months*, and nine days as published in May 1831 newspaper accounts.¹⁰⁷ Which account is more accurate is unclear.

Children of Robert² and Mary Camilla (Sanford) McComb:

- viii WILLIAM SANFORD MCCOMB, b. ca. 1835,¹⁰⁸ d. 19 Sept. 1893,¹⁰⁹ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;¹¹⁰ m. likely about Aug. 1873 CORNELIA/KATE DALLAS,¹¹¹ , b. ca. 1841, d. 13 Jan. 1909,¹¹² parents unknown.
On 7 June 1860, William was enumerated on the U.S. Census as a "gentleman" with no real property but \$15,500 in personal property.¹¹³ On 1

⁹⁸ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 14 Feb. 1871, p. 3, col. 3.

⁹⁹ *Georgia's Official Register, 1925* [*supra* note 85], 285.

¹⁰⁰ *Federal Union*, 21 Nov. 1865, p. 3, col. 3.

¹⁰¹ *Southern Recorder*, 18 Oct. 1870, p. 3, col. 1.

¹⁰² Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, A:26.

¹⁰³ "Death of Capt. Sam'l McComb," *Federal Union*, 31 Jan. 1871, p. 3, col. 2.

¹⁰⁴ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

¹⁰⁵ "Died," *Federal Union*, 12 May 1831, p. 3, col. 3.

¹⁰⁶ "Communicated," *Southern Recorder*, 13 March 1830, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁰⁷ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 380.

¹⁰⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 99, line 4.

¹⁰⁹ "Death of Mr. W. S. McComb," *Union Recorder*, 26 Sept. 1893, p. 3, col. 2.

¹¹⁰ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 128.

¹¹¹ William and Kate probably began life as a married couple about the time they were charged with fornication in Superior Court in August term 1873 (Baldwin Co., Ga., Superior Court Minutes, C:223-24). By the end of the next year, Kate was using the McComb name and had joined the Episcopal Church.

¹¹² Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., Admissions Register, 11:354 (Mrs. Kate McComb), Georgia Archives microfilm, drawer 350, box 22.

¹¹³ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 138, line 3.

Sept. 1860, he used \$5,430 to invest in the most central livery stable and blacksmith shop in Milledgeville.¹¹⁴

When the Civil War broke out the next year, William refused to support the Confederacy. He was a strong-willed man—a McComb trait—as witness testimony before the Southern Claims Commission makes clear. Former slave Ezekiel Reynolds stated that “McComb was a damned fool for not going into the struggle on the Southern side.”¹¹⁵ Freedman Robert Howard spoke of William’s family as well. “He was very bold in expressing his views, and very fearless. He was known to be a fighting man, and he had several brothers equally fearless as himself, and to insult one was to pick a fight with the family.”¹¹⁶ William’s service record for the 7th Battalion, Georgia Cavalry (State Guards) includes a note that he did not actually serve because he was furloughed as a mail agent in the post office.¹¹⁷ His family’s political connections apparently gave William opportunities to legally avoid serving in the Confederate Army.

What activities consumed William’s days through Reconstruction are not clear. He may have been operating the stable and blacksmith shop, but he was not listed with an occupation on the 1870 U.S. Census.¹¹⁸ In Oct. 1877, M. R. Bell began advertising that he was the proprietor of McComb’s Sale and Livery Stables.¹¹⁹ In November, William sold the property to his wife, Kate, for his natural love and affection and “various sums of money [she had] advanced to him at different times.”¹²⁰ He served in law enforcement as Deputy Marshall from 1876 to 1882, and Marshall from 1884 to at least 1889.¹²¹ One month before his death, William was identified as Deputy Sheriff.¹²²

The identity of Kate Dallas remains elusive. She appears on the public record on the 1860 U.S. Census as a seventeen-year-old living with eighteen-year-old Kate Sprague from Massachusetts.¹²³ Both women owned real property. Their origins are unclear. That Kate Dallas was the wife of William is proved through three documents. By her will, “Kate McComb” identified her husband as the “late W. S. McComb,” giving her estate to brothers and a nephew of William.¹²⁴ Two deeds show that Kate McComb is the same as

¹¹⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:169.

¹¹⁵ Cross-examination of Ezekiel Reynolds (colored blacksmith), William S. McComb claim [*supra* note 63].

¹¹⁶ Cross-examination of Robert Howard, William S. McComb claim [*supra* note 63].

¹¹⁷ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 39, 7th Battalion, Cavalry (State Guards), compiled service record for William S. McComb, Capt. White’s Company.

¹¹⁸ 1870 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 245, line 21.

¹¹⁹ *Union Recorder*, 9 Oct. 1877, p. 3, col. 6.

¹²⁰ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:422.

¹²¹ The first mention of William as Deputy Marshall was a notice that he posted bond (*Union and Recorder*, 26 Dec. 1876, p. 3, col. 3). Articles speaking to his elections to positions of Deputy and Marshall ran almost every year until 1889 (*Union Recorder*, 18 June 1889, p. 5, col. 1).

¹²² *Union Recorder*, 8 Aug. 1893, p. 3, col. 2.

¹²³ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 146, line 17.

¹²⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, A:322.

Kate Dallas. In 1863, Kate Dallas purchased Lot 3, Square 25, in Milledgeville, from John Hass.¹²⁵ Thirty years later, when Kate was ill after a stroke, she deeded the same lot, now as “Kate McComb,” to Annie Lee McComb, great-niece of her husband.¹²⁶ The deed was later cancelled but its text clearly establishes the link. No marriage for the couple was found in record books or the Milledgeville newspaper. Records of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Milledgeville identify her as “Cornelia McComb.” She was baptized and confirmed on 9 Dec. 1874.¹²⁷ On 23 April 1897, church records include a mention of her stroke, stating that she was in the lunatic asylum for paralysis.¹²⁸ She had been institutionalized 25 March 1896.¹²⁹

- ix ROXANNA MCCOMB, b. ca. 1837,¹³⁰ d. 26 April 1856, residence of S. W. Nichols, Clinch Co., bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;¹³¹ m. Baldwin Co. 6 March 1856 Colonel WILLIAM M. NICHOLS.¹³² What little is known about her comes from an obituary. “Modest and retiring in her nature, warm and ardent in her attachments, sincere, constant and devoted in her affections, she rarely, by mere words, expressed those feelings; but with a heart deeply alive to all that is gentle, kind, generous and good in our natures, she felt and acted upon them.”¹³³
- x ZACHARIAH L. MCCOMB, b. ca. 1839,¹³⁴ d. Milledgeville 19 Feb. 1870.¹³⁵ Zach never married and lived with his brothers at the McComb Hotel.¹³⁶ Unlike most men his age, he did not enlist in the Confederate Army and was enumerated on an 1864 roll of men not currently serving in the military.¹³⁷ Whether his sentiments were aligned more closely with his brother William, or whether he was unable to serve, is unclear. For reasons unknown, Zachariah advertised his slaves for sale throughout 1864.¹³⁸ He may have been settling debts, or he could see that the Civil War was going to end with a Union victory.

On Saturday afternoon about 5 p.m., 19 Feb. 1870, Zach and his brother Adolphus were in a wagon on their way to the Macon and Augusta Railroad depot. Near the Milledgeville Factory, the horses startled and ran, running the wagon into a tree. Adolphus was thrown clear, but Zach hit the tree, his

¹²⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, N:447.

¹²⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, V:425.

¹²⁷ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 87.

¹²⁸ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1897–1911, p. 104.

¹²⁹ Central State Hospital Admissions Register [*supra* note 111], 11:354 (Mrs. Kate McComb).

¹³⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 99, line 5.

¹³¹ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery; “Obituary,” *Federal Union*, 6 May 1856, p. 3, col. 4.

¹³² Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, C:70; “Married,” *Federal Union*, 11 March 1856, p. 3, col. 5.

¹³³ “Obituary,” *Federal Union*, 6 May 1856, p. 3, col. 4.

¹³⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 99, line 6.

¹³⁵ “Fatal Casualty,” *Southern Recorder*, 22 Feb. 1870, p. 3, col. 4.

¹³⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 144, line 37.

¹³⁷ Georgia Adjutant and Inspector General, Militia Enrollment Lists, Baldwin Co., G.M.D. 105, entry for Zachariah L. McCombs, RG 22-1-3, Georgia Archives.

¹³⁸ First ad ran in the *Confederate Union*, 26 Jan. 1864, p. 2, col. 6; last ad ran in same paper, 20 Sept. 1864, p. 1, col. 2.

chest bearing the brunt of the collision. Within minutes he was dead.¹³⁹ Although no evidence has been found, Zachariah was likely buried in the city cemetery.

- 4 xi FREDERICK H. MCCOMB, b. ca. 1841;¹⁴⁰ m. CLIFFORD C. PUGH.
 xii ADOLPHUS M./DOLLY MCCOMB, b. ca. 1843,¹⁴¹ d. 25 June 1920, home of B. B. Adams Jr. in Milledgeville, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.¹⁴² Dolly never married. "He led a quiet, unostentatious life, and was held in confidence by his fellow citizens."¹⁴³

Adolphus served during the Civil War in the Fifth Regiment, Georgia Reserves.¹⁴⁴ His company was tasked with guarding the Macon Arsenal and did not see action until the last months of the war. Although the company was involved in battles at Rivers' Bridge, S.C., and Bentonville, N.C., in early 1865, it is unclear whether Adolphus was at either.¹⁴⁵ In Dec. 1864, Adolphus, his brother Sam, and three other men were captured by Sherman's forces as they marched across Georgia from Atlanta to Savannah.¹⁴⁶ Dolly escaped but Sam remained in federal custody. He must have rejoined his unit because his compiled service record concludes with a medical card showing he was admitted to a hospital in Charlotte on 10 April 1865, the day after Lee surrendered his army.

Adolphus spent his life farming land on the east side of the Oconee River on land adjoining McComb's Mount. He did not go into business or speculate on land. Family remembers him helping whenever there was a need.¹⁴⁷ Recorded land transactions show that he supported his relatives in times of need. A few years after his brother Fred was murdered in 1874, Adolphus gave a three-quarter interest in 168 acres of his land to his three orphaned nieces.¹⁴⁸ The other quarter interest went to his as-yet-unmarried sister Ione.¹⁴⁹

- xiii JOHN HUNTER MCCOMB, b. 22 March 1846, d. Milledgeville 5 Jan. 1913, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.¹⁵⁰ He m. in Hancock Co. on 11 Feb. 1879,¹⁵¹ LULA

¹³⁹ "Fatal Casualty," *Southern Recorder*, 22 Feb. 1870, p. 3, col. 4.

¹⁴⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 99, line 7.

¹⁴¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 99, line 8.

¹⁴² "Another Old Citizen Passed Away Friday," *Union Recorder*, 29 June 1920, p. 4, col. 3.

¹⁴³ "Another Old Citizen" [*supra* note 141].

¹⁴⁴ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 201, 5th Regiment, Georgia Reserves, compiled service record for A. M. McComb, Capt. Findlay's Company.

¹⁴⁵ *Compiled Records Showing Service of Military Units in Confederate Organizations*, microfilm publication M266 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service), roll 15, Georgia, Fifth Reserves.

¹⁴⁶ "Captured," *Confederate Union*, 6 Dec. 1864, p. 2, col. 4.

¹⁴⁷ Mary Elizabeth (Adams) McLeod (Dothan, Ala.), interviewed by the author, 4 Jan. 2011.

¹⁴⁸ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:467.

¹⁴⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:466.

¹⁵⁰ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

¹⁵¹ Hancock Co., Ga., Marriages, 1878–1880, p. 97.

F. SYKES, b. 4 Feb. 1860, d. 8 April 1926,¹⁵² likely dau. of Joseph S. Sykes.¹⁵³ After Hunter's death, she married Charles Benjamin Gause.¹⁵⁴

Hunter served in the Civil War as a courier for Thomas Raines, in the 8th Battalion Cavalry, Georgia State Guards (Major John T. Stephens's Battalion).¹⁵⁵ His pension application is the primary evidence of his service; no compiled service record was found. He likely enlisted upon turning 18 in 1864, surrendering with the unit in Greensboro, N.C., on 26 April 1865.

In 1874, Hunter was involved in the political transition from the Radical Republican government of Reconstruction to the Democratic Party, running and winning the position of tax receiver.¹⁵⁶ He served in that position through the late 1880s, making annual announcements in the newspaper giving the time and place where people could register to pay their taxes.¹⁵⁷

In the 1890s, Hunter moved to Milledgeville from McComb's Mount and took up the business of horse trading.¹⁵⁸ Hunter's move may have resulted from significant losses in a major flood in 1887, when high water on the Oconee River destroyed the crops of many local farmers.¹⁵⁹ His gift with horses dated back to his formative years, when he participated in knights games, performing feats on horseback.¹⁶⁰ He regularly announced the arrival of horses for sale in the newspaper.¹⁶¹

Hunter was a member of the First Methodist Church and the local Elks lodge. When he died after an extended illness, Methodist minister Rev. Elam F. Dempsey conducted the funeral service and the Elks quartet sang in a "most soulful and impressive" way.¹⁶²

- 5 xiv GORDON MCCOMB, b. ca. 1848;¹⁶³ m. MARY ANN DURHAM.
 6 xv HENRY EMERSON MCCOMB, b. 30 Oct. 1850;¹⁶⁴ m. ANNIE VICTORIA HENDRIX.
 xvi IONE MCCOMB (pronounced *EYE-ohn*), b. 4 Sept. 1853, d. Macon 23 Oct. 1891, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;¹⁶⁵ m. Baldwin Co. 19 March 1891 BENJAMIN A. WHITE,¹⁶⁶ b. 15 Feb. 1855, d. 27 July 1925, son of Dr. S. G. and Caroline (Bullock) White.¹⁶⁷

¹⁵² Lula McComb Gause gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

¹⁵³ Hancock Co., Ga., Wills, 1882–1909, pp. 463–64.

¹⁵⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1912–1917, p. 317.

¹⁵⁵ J. H. McComb application, Confederate Pensions and Records, Pension Applications and Supporting Documents, 1879–1960, RG 58-1-1, Georgia Archives.

¹⁵⁶ "Mr. J. H. McComb Died on Sunday," *Milledgeville News*, 10 Jan. 1913, p. 1, col. 5.

¹⁵⁷ For example, "Tax Notice," *Union Recorder*, 4 May 1886, p. 2, col. 6.

¹⁵⁸ 1900 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, E.D. 6, sheet 25A, line 29.

¹⁵⁹ "The Great Freshet," *Union Recorder*, 2 Aug. 1887, p. 7, col. 3.

¹⁶⁰ "Christmas," *Southern Recorder*, 29 Dec. 1868, p. 2, cols. 6–7.

¹⁶¹ *Union Recorder*, 10 March 1903, p. 8, col. 3.

¹⁶² "Mr. J. H. McComb Died on Sunday," *Milledgeville News*, 10 Jan. 1913, p. 1, col. 5.

¹⁶³ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 99, line 10.

¹⁶⁴ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

¹⁶⁵ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

¹⁶⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1887–1894, p. 285.

¹⁶⁷ B. A. White, Georgia death certificate no. 19198 (1925).

Ione married late in life. She joined the Methodist Church in March 1875.¹⁶⁸ She—along with other single ladies—was made an honorary member of the Farmers' Club of Baldwin County in 1878.¹⁶⁹ When Georgia allowed individual counties to prohibit the sale of alcohol, Ione was in attendance at the Ladies Prohibition Club meeting.¹⁷⁰

By the time she married, Ione had an interest in three properties. She had inherited an interest in the McComb's Mount property.¹⁷¹ Her brother Adolphus had given her a quarter interest in 168 acres of land near McComb's Mount.¹⁷² On 19 Feb. 1889, Ione purchased the McComb Livery Stable from sister-in-law Kate McComb for \$750.¹⁷³ The day before she married, Ione gave her mother a one-half interest in the stable lot and her distributive share in McComb's Mount.¹⁷⁴

Like sisters Martha and Roxanna before her, Ione died not long after her marriage. According to her obituary, she was sick for two weeks, but it was not thought to be life-threatening.¹⁷⁵ She turned for the worse suddenly and died on a Friday at midnight. A one-line note in the newspaper almost two years earlier stated that she had been ill for a week, an indication that she may have died from a chronic disease.¹⁷⁶ Following Ione's death, her property interests transferred to her husband. Benjamin sold the property to brothers of Ione, the livery stable going to Henry Emerson McComb and 200 acres of land going to John Hunter McComb.¹⁷⁷

2 MARTHA ANTOINETTE³ MCCOMB (*Robert*², *Samuel*¹) was born on 2 November 1820¹⁷⁸ and died in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia, on 1 September 1838 at age 17.¹⁷⁹ The location of her burial is unknown. She married in Milledgeville on 4 February 1836 JOHN HENRY LUMPKIN, born 13 June 1812, died on 10 July 1860 and buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at Rome.¹⁸⁰ Martha Antoinette's life was cut short two months shy of her eighteenth birthday; she is mentioned in a very few surviving contemporary documents. Her marriage license and certificate are recorded in Baldwin County records;¹⁸¹ the notice of her wedding was published in three known

¹⁶⁸ Harrington, *Methodist Church Record Books* [*supra* note 62], 218.

¹⁶⁹ "Farmers' Second Exhibition," *Union and Recorder*, 16 July 1878, p. 3, col. 4.

¹⁷⁰ "Ladies Prohibition Club," *Union Recorder*, 23 Feb. 1886, p. 2, col. 2.

¹⁷¹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, R:479.

¹⁷² Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:466-67.

¹⁷³ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, T:688.

¹⁷⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, U:539.

¹⁷⁵ "A Sad Death," *Union Recorder*, 27 Oct. 1891, p. 3, col. 2.

¹⁷⁶ "Personal Mention," *Union Recorder*, 14 Jan. 1890, p. 7, col. 1.

¹⁷⁷ Baldwin County, Ga., Deeds, V:232, 379.

¹⁷⁸ Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 379.

¹⁷⁹ "Died," *Georgia Messenger* [Macon], 13 Sept. 1838, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁸⁰ Baldwin County, Ga., Marriages, B:12; "Married," *Georgia Journal*, 9 Feb. 1836, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁸¹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, B:12.

newspapers;¹⁸² and her death was announced in the *Georgia Messenger*.¹⁸³ No Rome newspapers are known to survive from 1838 and no death notice was found in extant Milledgeville newspapers.

By marrying into the Lumpkin family, Martha connected the McCombs to one of the most established political families in Georgia. Two of John's uncles were Wilson H. Lumpkin, governor of Georgia from 1831 to 1835, and Joseph Henry Lumpkin, first chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia from 1863 to 1867.¹⁸⁴ John himself served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as a Superior Court judge from 1850 to 1853, and was a candidate for Governor in 1857.¹⁸⁵

In a flawed genealogy of the Lumpkin family, L. L. Cody claimed that John Henry had two children by a "Miss McCombs": Anthony and Madeline.¹⁸⁶ There is no evidence that the couple had a son named Anthony, and John's daughter Mary Madeline Lumpkin was born seven years after Martha McComb's death.¹⁸⁷ All evidence points to the fact that John Henry Lumpkin and Martha Antoinette McComb had only one child: George Robert Lumpkin. Newspaper accounts of George Lumpkin's death state that he was the eldest son of the late Hon. John H. Lumpkin of Rome.¹⁸⁸ George Lumpkin was born about 1837¹⁸⁹—after the marriage of John Henry Lumpkin to Martha Antoinette McComb in 1836,¹⁹⁰ but before Martha's death in 1838.¹⁹¹ By his will in 1864, George Lumpkin identified the second wife of John Henry Lumpkin as "my step mother Mrs. Mary Jane Lumpkin" and also gave property to Samuel, Thomas, and Sarah, identifying them as his half siblings.¹⁹²

¹⁸² "Married," *Georgia Journal*, 9 Feb. 1836, p. 3, col. 5; "Married," *Southern Recorder*, 9 Feb. 1836, p. 3, col. 6; "Married," *Federal Union*, 12 Feb. 1836, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁸³ "Died," *Georgia Messenger*, 13 Sept. 1838, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁸⁴ Lucian Lamar Knight, *Reminiscences of Famous Georgians . . .*, 2nd ed., 2 vols. (Atlanta, Ga.: Franklin-Turner Co., 1907-8), 1:350.

¹⁸⁵ "Death of Hon. John H. Lumpkin," *Daily Enquirer* [Columbus], 13 July 1860, p. 2, col. 4; Knight, *Reminiscences of Famous Georgians* [*supra* note 183], 1:351; Warren Grice, *The Georgia Bench And Bar: Volume I, The Development of Georgia's Judicial System* (Macon, Ga.: J. W. Burke Co., 1931), 173.

¹⁸⁶ L. L. Cody, *The Lumpkin Family of Georgia* (Macon, Ga.: n.p., 1928), 27.

¹⁸⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Floyd Co., Ga., p. 115, line 36.

¹⁸⁸ "Died," *Southern Recorder*, 23 Feb. 1864, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁸⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Floyd Co., Ga., p. 115, line 34.

¹⁹⁰ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, B:12.

¹⁹¹ "Died," *Georgia Messenger*, 13 Sept. 1838, p. 3, col. 5.

¹⁹² Floyd Co., Ga., Wills, B:356.

Child of John Henry and Martha Antoinette³ (McComb) Lumpkin:

- i GEORGE ROBERT LUMPKIN, b. ca. 1837,¹⁹³ d. Milledgeville 22 Feb. 1864,¹⁹⁴ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;¹⁹⁵ m. Milledgeville 30 Oct. 1861 MARY ELIZABETH DANIEL.¹⁹⁶ George obtained an education befitting his family's social and economic status. He attended Georgetown College for a period of time but returned home to finish his education at the Georgia Military Institute.¹⁹⁷ Before the Civil War, he graduated from medical college.¹⁹⁸

George enlisted in the Confederate Army on 18 May 1861 as a second lieutenant in the Rome Light Guards, 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment.¹⁹⁹ The unit operated in Va. during 1861 and George saw action at the First Battle of Manassas.²⁰⁰ On 16 Aug. 1861, he resigned his commission.²⁰¹ He never returned to the military.

George's abrupt exit from the army came after he began showing the early signs of tuberculosis.²⁰² He returned home and, feeling healthier, was wed to Mary Elizabeth Daniel by Reverend H. J. Adams at the house of her father, Judge J. W. L. Daniel, in Milledgeville.²⁰³ Attendees included Robert McComb, uncle of George, and Camilla McComb, grandmother of George.²⁰⁴ According to a transcription of a purported J. W. L. Daniel family Bible made by Jeanette Holland Austin, George and Mary were married on 23 Nov. 1861.²⁰⁵ There is no way to verify this information because Austin did not identify the location of the Bible that she used. However, two contemporary sources establish the 30 Oct. marriage date. The marriage was short-lived. Mary died on 30 May 1862 in Rome, exactly eight months after the wedding.²⁰⁶ The short newspaper notice of her death noted that she was suffering from a lingering illness.²⁰⁷

¹⁹³ 1850 U.S. Census, Floyd Co., Ga., p. 115, line 34.

¹⁹⁴ "Obituary," *Federal Union*, 8 March 1864, p. 2, col. 6.

¹⁹⁵ Susan J. Harrington, Hugh T. Harrington, Florida Moore Gardner, eds., *Historic Memory Hill Cemetery, 1804–1997* (Milledgeville, Ga.: Boyd Publishing Co., 1998), 119.

¹⁹⁶ Floyd Co., Ga., Marriages, A:194.

¹⁹⁷ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 8 March 1864, p. 3, col. 2.

¹⁹⁸ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 8 March 1864, p. 3, col. 2.

¹⁹⁹ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 230, Eighth Infantry, L–M, compiled service record for G. R. Lumpkin, 2nd Lt., Co. A.

²⁰⁰ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 8 March 1864, p. 3, col. 2; "Obituary," *Federal Union*, 8 March 1864, p. 2, col. 6.

²⁰¹ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 230, Eighth Infantry, L–M, compiled service record for G. R. Lumpkin, 2nd Lt., Co. A.

²⁰² "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 8 March 1864, p. 3, col. 2.

²⁰³ Harrington, *Methodist Church Record Books* [*supra* note 62], 155.

²⁰⁴ Harrington, *Methodist Church Record Books* [*supra* note 62], 155.

²⁰⁵ Jeanette Holland Austin, *Georgia Bible Records* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985), 223.

²⁰⁶ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 17 June 1862, p. 3, col. 7.

²⁰⁷ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 17 June 1862, p. 3, col. 7.

George's disease progressed over the next three years. He left Floyd Co. by 1863, making Milledgeville his permanent residence.²⁰⁸ When he wrote his will on 18 Feb. 1864, he stated that he was "exceedingly weak from long continuous and serious physical affliction."²⁰⁹ He died four days later at the house of his great-uncle, Major M. D. Huson.²¹⁰ He was 27 years old. George Robert Lumpkin and Mary Elizabeth Daniel are buried together in her father's lot in Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville.²¹¹

3 ROBERT A.³ MCCOMB (*Robert*², *Samuel*¹), born on 13 October 1822,²¹² died at the resort town of Indian Springs, Butts County, Georgia, on 23 August 1874.²¹³ He married in Hancock County on 30 July 1844 MARY JANE (LAWSON) JACKSON., widow of Enoch Jackson who died before 8 January 1844.²¹⁴ Robert was buried in Memory Hill Cemetery on 25 August 1874.²¹⁵ Mary was buried there on 7 March 1870,²¹⁶ the daughter of Thomas B. and Nancy (—) Lawson of Hancock County.²¹⁷

Robert went into the family business, first operating the Huson Hotel founded by his mother's mother.²¹⁸ After his father's death, he took over the McComb Hotel.²¹⁹ He was also involved in politics, serving in the Georgia House of Representatives in 1859 and 1860.²²⁰ His role during the Civil War is unclear. He appears on one muster roll in a unit tasked with home guard.²²¹ In 1864, he was listed as exempted from military service.²²²

Robert was an original stockholder in the Milledgeville Hotel, incorporated in 1854.²²³ He and brother Samuel became proprietors of the hotel

²⁰⁸ Baldwin Co., Ga., 1863 Tax Digest, 320th District, George R. Lumpkin entry.

²⁰⁹ Floyd Co., Ga., Wills, B:356.

²¹⁰ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 8 March 1864, p. 3, col. 2.

²¹¹ *Historic Memory Hill Cemetery* [*supra* note 194], 119, 489.

²¹² Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 379.

²¹³ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 122; "Death of Maj. McComb," *Union and Recorder*, 26 Aug. 1874, p. 3, col. 3.

²¹⁴ Hancock Co., Ga., Marriages, 1808–1879, p. 69 (Jacksob-Lawson), 71 (McComb-Jackson); Hancock Co., Ga., Wills and Estates, Q:148.

²¹⁵ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 122.

²¹⁶ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 122.

²¹⁷ Hancock Co., Ga., Wills and Estates, Q:39–40; Baldwin County, Ga., Deeds, N:212–13.

²¹⁸ "Huson's Hotel," *Federal Union*, 11 Oct. 1853, p. 3, col. 6. For the history of Huson Hotel, see Cook, *History of Baldwin County* [*supra* note 1], 377, 381–82.

²¹⁹ 1860 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, p. 144, line 37.

²²⁰ *Georgia's Official Register, 1925* [*supra* note 85], 285.

²²¹ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 39, 7th Battalion, Cavalry (State Guards), compiled service record for William S. McComb, Capt. White's Company.

²²² Militia Enrollment Lists [*supra* note 136], Baldwin Co., District 320, entry for R. A. McComb.

²²³ "An Act to incorporate the Milledgeville Hotel Company," *Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, passed in Milledgeville at a Biennial Session, in November, December, January, and February, 1853–4* (Savannah: Samuel T. Chapman, State Printer, 1854), 395.

after the Civil War.²²⁴ By the time of his death, Robert had real estate holdings that included his house, McComb Hotel, and two other lots in Milledgeville, along with 1600 acres of land in Baldwin County and 650 acres in other counties.²²⁵

Robert joined St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a religious choice followed by his children.²²⁶ The parish register alludes to an ongoing illness suffered by his wife: "invalid, never at communion."²²⁷ Mary's situation was critical by February 1874 when her son Marcus advertised that she "left my house a few nights since, in a deranged state of mind" and that the family was anxious and distressed.²²⁸ It was not until a month later that Mary's sad fate became known, when a fisherman came across her body at the mouth of Fishing Creek.²²⁹ The article explains that "she had been laboring under a melancholy type of mental derangement for the last few years which led to this tragic close of her life. . . . Her sole cause of unhappiness lay in the imaginary realm created by the loss of reason." Robert's distress over his wife's tragic end led him to Indian Springs in Butts County, where he died. Indians had used the springs for healing the sick and whites continued to visit for the same reason.

Children of Robert A.³ and Mary Jane (Lawson) (Jackson) McComb:

- i SARAH ANTOINETTE⁴ MCCOMB, b. ca. 1847, d. Milledgeville 3 Jan. 1864, age 16.²³⁰ She attended school in Columbia, S.C., and died from tuberculosis soon after her return.²³¹ There may have been a connection between Sarah's death and that of her cousin George Lumpkin.
- ii MARCUS HUSON MCCOMB, b. ca. 1848,²³² d. at Atlanta in the night of 27 March 1916,²³³ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;²³⁴ m. Marietta 12 July 1870 MARIA ANN/MINNIE GLOVER,²³⁵ d. 27 May 1931, dau. of John Heyward and Jane Porter (Bolan) Glover.²³⁶

²²⁴ "Hotels," *Federal Union*, 22 May 1866, p. 3, col. 1.

²²⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:2.

²²⁶ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, pp. 14, 20, 21.

²²⁷ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 94.

²²⁸ "Notice," *Union and Recorder*, 11 Feb. 1874, p. 3, col. 1.

²²⁹ "Mrs. McComb's body Recovered," *Union and Recorder*, 11 March 1874, p. 3, col. 1.

²³⁰ "Died," *Southern Recorder*, 5 Jan. 1864, p. 3, col. 4.

²³¹ "Obituary," *Southern Recorder*, 12 Jan. 1864, p. 3, col. 5.

²³² 1880 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, E.D. 1, p. 151A, line 47.

²³³ Mark H. McCombs, death certificate (28 March 1916), Vital Records, City of Atlanta.

²³⁴ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

²³⁵ "Married," *Federal Union*, 19 July 1870, p. 3, col. 6; Cobb Co., Ga., Marriages, A:267.

²³⁶ Minnie Glover McComb, Georgia death certificate 16553 (1931); Jane Bolan Glover gravestone, Saint James Episcopal Cemetery, Marietta, Ga.

Marcus served as a courier in Company H, 4th Regiment, Georgia Infantry in the Civil War, the same company as his uncle Samuel. The Georgia pension office could not find him listed on any of the company's muster rolls, but he offered private records to prove that he surrendered at Appomattox.²³⁷ Marcus was a member of the escort that brought Brigadier General George P. Doles back to Milledgeville after the officer was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor.²³⁸ The "original roll" of the Baldwin Blues lists M. H. McComb, detailed at brigade headquarters as a clerk.²³⁹

After the Civil War, Mark and his brother Thomas operated the McComb Hotel.²⁴⁰ Thomas left the hotel in June 1873, going into the dry goods business.²⁴¹ Mark won the position of Clerk of Superior Court of Baldwin County soon after, leaving the hotel business.²⁴² His departure from the hotel marked the end of the McComb family's fifty-year role in Milledgeville's hospitality business. The state capital had been moved to Atlanta in 1868, drawing away the regular visitors that made the business so profitable.

The last year of his life, Mark lived at the Confederate Soldier's Home in Atlanta.²⁴³ His record there provides no clue to what might have ailed him. He died at the Jossey Hotel in Decatur (six miles east of Atlanta) during the night of 27-28 March 1916 after cutting his throat with a razor.²⁴⁴ His will assigned all his property to daughter Annie.²⁴⁵

Children of Marcus Huson⁴ and Maria Ann (Glover) McComb:

- 1 *Marcus Glover*⁵ *McComb*, b. Baldwin Co. 11 Feb. 1874, d. Burke Co. Hospital, Waynesboro, Ga., 11 Dec. 1966, bur. Millen Cemetery, Jenkins Co., Ga.;²⁴⁶ m. (1) Screven Co. 7 April 1901 Ida Brinson,²⁴⁷ b. 16 Oct. 1871, d. 13 March 1947, dau. of W. M. and Lou (Parker) Brinson.²⁴⁸ m. (2) Jenkins Co. 23 Nov. 1949 Frederica Addison Fisher,²⁴⁹ b. 30 Jan. 1894, d. 12 May 1986,²⁵⁰ dau. of Bes-sie Eloise (Addison) Fisher.²⁵¹

²³⁷ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 185, Fourth Infantry, L-M, compiled service record for M. H. McComb, Courier, Co. H.

²³⁸ "Funeral of Gen. Doles," *Southern Recorder*, 14 June 1864, p. 3, col. 2.

²³⁹ "Original Roll of the 'Baldwin Blues,'" *Federal Union*, 21 Nov. 1865, p. 3, col. 3.

²⁴⁰ "Hotels," *Union and Recorder*, 19 March 1873, p. 1, col. 4.

²⁴¹ "Dissolution of Copartnership," *Union and Recorder*, 25 June 1873, p. 3, col. 6.

²⁴² 1880 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, E.D. 1, p. 151A, line 47.

²⁴³ Georgia, Family and Children Services, Confederate Soldiers Home, Register of Inmates, 2:101, Georgia Archives microfilm, drawer 252, box 3.

²⁴⁴ "Old Man Ends Life with Razor at Decatur Hotel," *Atlanta Journal*, 29 March 1916, p. 4, col. 5.

²⁴⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, A:613.

²⁴⁶ Marcus Glover McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 35984 (1967).

²⁴⁷ Screven Co., Ga., Marriages, F:24.

²⁴⁸ Ida Brinson McComb, Georgia death certificate 8290 (1947).

²⁴⁹ Jenkins Co., Ga., Marriages, C:263.

²⁵⁰ Frederica Ellison McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 24633 (1986).

²⁵¹ Robert C. Fisher, "Destination Unknown: Tracing Strays from Atlantic Canada, 1860-1920," *Family Chronicle Magazine* 7, no. 4 (March/April 2003): 37-40.

2 *John Heyward McComb*, b. 13 Dec. 1875,²⁵² d. Isola, Humphreys Co., Miss., 1 Dec. 1912,²⁵³ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;²⁵⁴ m. ca. 1902 *Mary Lipscomb*, b. Scooba, Kemper Co., Miss.,²⁵⁵ 7 Oct. 1866, d. 30 Jan. 1936, dau. of William H. and Harriett E. (Colgin) Lipscomb.²⁵⁶

3 *Jane Glover McComb*, b. 1878,²⁵⁷ bp. Milledgeville 8 Aug. 1879,²⁵⁸ d. 9 or 10 Aug. 1879, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery 10 Aug. 1879.²⁵⁹

4 *Annie Lee McComb*, b. 24 July 1881, bp. Milledgeville 4 Sept. 1881,²⁶⁰ d. Milledgeville State Hospital 1 Jan. 1964, bur. Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany;²⁶¹ m. Baldwin Co. 7 Oct. 1917 *Gula Walter Owens*,²⁶² b. 7 April 1868, d. 6 Sep. 1937, son of C. C. and *Mary Adeline (Daniels) Owens*.²⁶³

5 *Thomas Lawson McComb*, b. 22 Feb. 1889, bp. 23 Feb. 1890,²⁶⁴ d. Phoebe-Putney Memorial Hospital 11 Jan. 1969, bur. Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany;²⁶⁵ m. 503 North Jefferson Street, Albany, 19 Feb. 1925 *Annie Laura Hughes*,²⁶⁶ b. 23 July 1902, d. 20 July 1988, dau. of O. C. and *Mattie (Cox) Hughes*.²⁶⁷

iii *THOMAS LAWSON MCCOMB*, b. 6 Feb. 1850, d. Milledgeville 7 Oct. 1934, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;²⁶⁸ m. Baldwin Co. 13 Nov 1879 *TALLULAH OCONEE CALLAWAY*,²⁶⁹ d. 31 Dec. 1933, dau. of *Augustus W. and Keziah (King) Callaway*.²⁷⁰

Before the Civil War, Thomas attended Oglethorpe University, then located just outside Milledgeville.²⁷¹ After the war, he developed a successful business career. During the 1870s, Thomas operated McComb's Hotel with his

²⁵² Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

²⁵³ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1911–1944, p. 114.

²⁵⁴ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

²⁵⁵ 1910 U.S. Census, Tylertown, Pike Co., Miss., E.D. 97, sheet 6B, line 65; *Calmes Elizabeth McComb*, application for U.S. special passport, no. 4775 (26 Dec. 1945), Passport Services, U.S. Department of State. Kemper Co., Miss., suffered a courthouse fire destroying county records during the period when John and Mary married.

²⁵⁶ *Mary Anderson McComb*, Alabama death certificate 1271 (1936).

²⁵⁷ 1880 U.S. Census, mortality schedule, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 1, p. 1, line 18.

²⁵⁸ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 64.

²⁵⁹ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 126.

²⁶⁰ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 68.

²⁶¹ *Annie McComb Owens*, Georgia death certificate no. 52 (1964).

²⁶² Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1917–1925, p. 96.

²⁶³ *Gula Walter Owens*, Georgia death certificate no. 22673 (1937).

²⁶⁴ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 76.

²⁶⁵ *Thomas Lawson McComb*, Georgia death certificate no. 582 (1969).

²⁶⁶ “*McComb-Hughes*,” *Atlanta Journal*, 1 March 1925, “Society and Interests” Section, p. 6, cols. 6-8.

²⁶⁷ *Annie Laurie McComb*, Georgia death certificate no. 29237 (1988).

²⁶⁸ *Thomas Lawson McComb*, Georgia death certificate no. 34449 (1934).

²⁶⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, E:388; “*Brilliant Wedding*,” *Union and Recorder*, 18 Nov. 1879, p. 3, col. 2.

²⁷⁰ *Lula Callaway McCombs*, Georgia death certificate no 30312 (1933).

²⁷¹ “*An Old Citizen Passed Sunday*,” *Union-Recorder*, 11 Oct. 1934, p. 1, col. 6.

brother Mark.²⁷² In 1881 he opened his own dry goods store.²⁷³ He managed the Milledgeville Ice Works, incorporated in 1889,²⁷⁴ which continued until 1919.²⁷⁵ The dry goods store got into financial trouble during the nationwide economic depression that began in 1893 and its entire stock was sold by the sheriff in 1895.²⁷⁶ Soon after, Thomas took over management of the city's opera house.²⁷⁷ He was also director of the Milledgeville Banking Company.²⁷⁸ While Thomas operated businesses, Tallulah owned most of the couple's real estate assets, both residential and commercial.²⁷⁹ For example, the opera house property was bought under her name.²⁸⁰

While his business life dominates records, Thomas' personal interests were described in his obituary.²⁸¹ He kept a summer home in Blowing Rock, N.C., where he was staying just before his death. He loved sports and cultivated flowers and vegetables. Thomas was an important figure in Milledgeville and all businesses closed for his funeral. By his will, Thomas left all his property to daughter Antoinette.²⁸²

Child of Thomas Lawson⁴ and Tallulah O. (Callaway) McComb:

1 Antoinette/Nettie⁵ McComb, b. 7 Oct. 1880, d. 10 Jan. 1968, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;²⁸³ m. Williamson, Pike Co., morning of 24 Oct. 1899 William Trice Hines,²⁸⁴ b. 11 Dec. 1880, d. 15 July 1961, son of Madison and Frances Jane (Roberts) Hines.²⁸⁵

iv ROXANNA JANE/ROXIE McCOMB, b. Aug. 1858,²⁸⁶ d. Baldwin Co. 20 June 1928, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;²⁸⁷ m. Saint Stephens Episcopal Church, Milledgeville, 22 Nov. 1876 WILLIAM ARCHILUS JARRATT JR.,²⁸⁸ d. 28 Oct. 1891,²⁸⁹ son of William A. Jarratt,²⁹⁰ and, likely, Harriett.²⁹¹ No estate was filed when William Jr. died.²⁹² Even before his death, Roxie bought and sold land, and she continued an active role in Milledgeville real estate over

²⁷² "Dissolution of Copartnership," *Union and Recorder*, 25 June 1873, p. 3, col. 6.

²⁷³ "Dry Goods!," *Union Recorder*, 11 Oct. 1881, p. 4, col. 5.

²⁷⁴ "Milledgeville Ice Works!," *Union Recorder*, 18 June 1889, p. 7, col. 4.

²⁷⁵ "Receiver's Sale," *Union Recorder*, 13 Jan. 1920, p. 6, col. 3.

²⁷⁶ *Union Recorder*, 12 Feb. 1895, p. 3, col. 1.

²⁷⁷ *Union Recorder*, 3 Oct. 1899, p. 3, col. 1. Also see *Julius Cahn's Official Theatrical Guide* 9 (New York: 1904): 289.

²⁷⁸ "The Milledgeville Banking Company," *Union Recorder*, 20 Dec. 1898, p. 7, col. 2.

²⁷⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., General Index to Deeds, Grantees and Grantors (1861–1936).

²⁸⁰ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, Z:195-97.

²⁸¹ "An Old Citizen Passed Sunday," *Union-Recorder*, 11 Oct. 1934, p. 1, col. 6.

²⁸² Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, C:17.

²⁸³ Antoinette McComb Hines, Georgia death certificate no. 31 (1968).

²⁸⁴ "A Romantic Marriage," *Union Recorder*, 31 Oct. 1899, p. 7, col. 3.

²⁸⁵ William Trice Hines, Georgia death certificate no. 16985 (1961).

²⁸⁶ 1900 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 6, sheet 15A, line 14.

²⁸⁷ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

²⁸⁸ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 110.

²⁸⁹ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 128.

²⁹⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., E.D. 1, p. 164C, line 2.

²⁹¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., p. 169 (recto), line 13.

²⁹² Baldwin Co., Ga., General Index to Estates, Jarratt entries.

four decades.²⁹³ She advertised “Mrs. Roxie Jarratt’s houses on Wayne street” for rent in the newspaper.²⁹⁴ At her death, Roxie was eulogized as “one of Milledgeville’s well loved women.”²⁹⁵ She left her possessions to her only surviving descendant: granddaughter Harriett McComb Campbell, dau. of Mary Roberta Jarratt.²⁹⁶

Children of William A. Jr. and Roxanna⁴ (McComb) Jarratt:

- 1 *Hattie Campbell Jarratt*, b. ca. Oct. 1877, bp. 13 Jan. 1878,²⁹⁷ d. 2 Feb. 1878,²⁹⁸ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.²⁹⁹
- 2 *Archie Jarratt*, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery, March 1879.³⁰⁰ Although the relationship has not been proved, Archie likely was a child of William and Roxanna.
- 3 *William Archillus Jarratt*, b. July 1880,³⁰¹ bp. 4 Sept. 1881,³⁰² d. 5 May 1902,³⁰³ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.³⁰⁴
- 4 *Mary Roberta Jarratt*, b. 8 Nov. 1886, bp. 18 June 1886,³⁰⁵ d. Milledgeville 2 Dec. 1913,³⁰⁶ bur. Memory Hill Cemetery,³⁰⁷ m. Milledgeville, 1 June 1911 Bulow Memminger Campbell,³⁰⁸ b. 7 July 1876, d. 26 Dec. 1956, son of Charles G. and Annie (Bradwell) Campbell.³⁰⁹

4 FREDERICK H.³ MCCOMB (*Robert², Samuel¹*), born about 1841,³¹⁰ was killed on 26 December 1874³¹¹ and was buried in Memory Hill Cemetery.³¹² He married in Baldwin County on 17 December 1868 CLIFFORD C. PUGH,³¹³ who died on 10 April 1920.³¹⁴ She was likely the daughter of Thomas and

²⁹³ Baldwin Co., Ga., General Index to Deeds, Grantees and Grantors (1861–1936).

²⁹⁴ *Union Recorder*, 3 Sept. 1907, p. 8, col. 1.

²⁹⁵ “Mrs. Roxie Jarrett Died Early Tuesday Morning,” *Union Recorder*, 21 June 1928, p. 1, col. 2.

²⁹⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, A:556.

²⁹⁷ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 62.

²⁹⁸ Hugh T. Harrington and Susan J. Harrington, comp. and eds., *The Dead Book: Burials in the City Cemetery, Milledgeville, Georgia, 1869–1904* (Milledgeville, Ga.: Boyd Publishing Co., 1998), 83.

²⁹⁹ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 124.

³⁰⁰ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 126.

³⁰¹ 1900 U.S. Census, Baldwin Co., Ga., Milledgeville, E.D. 6, sheet 15A, line 15.

³⁰² Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 68.

³⁰³ “Death of Mr. William Jarratt,” *Union Recorder*, 13 May 1902, p. 5, col. 2.

³⁰⁴ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

³⁰⁵ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1870–1895, p. 80.

³⁰⁶ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1911–1944, p. 34.

³⁰⁷ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

³⁰⁸ Parish Register, St. Stephens Episcopal Church [*supra* note 58], 1897–1911, p. 120.

³⁰⁹ Bulow Memminger Campbell, Georgia death certificate no. 28555 (1956).

³¹⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 99, line 7.

³¹¹ “Homicide,” *Union and Recorder*, 30 Dec. 1874, p. 3, col. 2.

³¹² *Historic Memory Hill Cemetery* [*supra* note 194], 305.

³¹³ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, C:409; “Married,” *Federal Union*, 22 Dec. 1868, p. 3, col. 6.

³¹⁴ “Death of Mrs. C. M’Comb Occurred on Saturday Night,” *Union Recorder*, 13 April 1920, p. 7, col. 4.

Martha A. Pugh, although direct evidence is lacking. The best evidence of this relationship is Clifford's enumeration on the 1860 U.S. Census, in which she is living in the household immediately following that of Thomas and Martha.³¹⁵

Frederick served as a private in the "Baldwin Blues," a longstanding militia company in Milledgeville that was officially known as Company H, 4th Regiment Georgia Infantry.³¹⁶ Brother Samuel and nephew Marcus also served in this unit. Fred was severely wounded at Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia, where a musket ball entered his neck just below the ear and came out under his eye.³¹⁷ After the war Fred settled into life as a farmer. He played a minor role in local politics as a delegate to the Democratic Party convention to nominate candidates for local offices.³¹⁸ That quiet life was brought to a violent end in 1874, just four months after the death of his brother Robert.

Fred McComb met his tragic end on 26 December 1874 at C. G. Wilson's store in the McComb Hotel. An article published December 30 provides the surviving evidence of what happened.³¹⁹ Apparently, Fred got into "a disagreement" with Horace Wilson, brother of the store's proprietor. Horace and F. M. Meadows fired at Fred and Gordon McComb, hitting Fred who died almost immediately. The assailants locked themselves into the store after the other McComb brothers arrived on the scene armed, only coming out when the Sheriff arrived and convinced the McCombs to leave.

Horace Wilson was convicted of voluntary manslaughter on 3 April 1875.³²⁰ Meadows was acquitted because he did not fire the fatal bullet. Three weeks later, Wilson was broken out of jail by a group of men.³²¹ He was never caught and apparently returned to his native state of Michigan.³²² In August, the Baldwin County grand jury found the sheriff, Obadiah Arnold, guilty of negligence in Wilson's escape, a charge the sheriff publicly disputed.³²³

³¹⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 223 (verso), line 14.

³¹⁶ *Compiled Service Records . . . Georgia* [*supra* note 97], roll 185, Fourth Infantry, L–M, compiled service record for Frederick McComb, Private, Co. H.

³¹⁷ *Confederate Union*, 5 July 1864, p. 3, col. 1.

³¹⁸ "Democratic County Convention," *Union and Recorder*, 18 Dec. 1872, p. 3, col. 1.

³¹⁹ "Homicide," *Union and Recorder*, 30 Dec. 1874, p. 3, col. 2.

³²⁰ "The Adjourned Term," *Union and Recorder*, 6 April 1875, p. 3, col. 1.

³²¹ "Jail Delivery," *Union and Recorder*, 27 April 1875, p. 2, col. 1.

³²² Hugh T. Harrington, *Civil War Milledgeville: Tales from the Confederate Capital of Georgia* (Charleston, S.C.: History Press, 2005), 77–78.

³²³ "To the People of Baldwin County," *Union and Recorder*, 7 Sept. 1875, p. 3, col. 2.

Clifford McComb continued to live in the area of McComb's Mount.³²⁴

Children of Frederick H.³ and Clifford C. (Pugh) McComb were as follows:

- i MARY CAMILLA/MAMIE⁴ McCOMB, b. McComb's Mount by Aug. 1870,³²⁵ d. Milledgeville 13 Dec. 1962, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;³²⁶ m. Baldwin Co. 7 July 1890 BENJAMIN BLAKE ADAMS JR.,³²⁷ b. 31 Jan. 1867, d. 6 April 1934,³²⁸ son of Benjamin Blake Adams and Mary Little.³²⁹ Mary's death certificate gives her birth as 13 Oct. 1872, clearly the wrong year.³³⁰ No contemporary records have been found that help clarify Mary's exact date of birth.

Mary and her two sisters grew up living with their mother east of the city.³³¹ The three girls were baptized in the Methodist Church on 29 Dec. 1874.³³² Mary's marriage to B. B. Adams Jr. came out of necessity, occurring less than two months before the birth of their first child. A grandchild remembered their married life as comfortable but not particularly happy.³³³ Her husband was a finance professional and at the time of their marriage he was assistant cashier at the Milledgeville Bank.³³⁴ He later turned to farming³³⁵ but also audited Baldwin County finances.³³⁶

Mary and her sisters inherited their mother's farm of 327 acres on the east side of the Oconee River. Over a period of twenty years they divided the property into three 109-acre tracts, making mutual deeds to each other.³³⁷ A simple obituary marked her death.³³⁸ By a will she left all her property to her youngest child, daughter Lucile.³³⁹ Mary acknowledged the other children but stated that Lucile was in more need. Mary's death was the second of three in close succession: her son Clifton died 8 Nov. 1962, Mary died on 13 Dec., and son Benjamin died five days after Mary.

Children of Benjamin Blake Jr. and Mary Camilla⁴ (McComb) Adams:

³²⁴ O. M. Cone and R. L. Holloway, *A Map of the Roads of Baldwin County* (Baldwin County Commissioners, 1906).

³²⁵ 1900 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 6, sheet 8A, line 43.

³²⁶ Mamie Camilla McComb Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 35740 (1963).

³²⁷ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1887-1894, p. 214.

³²⁸ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

³²⁹ Benjamin B. Adams Jr. was enumerated as the son of Benjamin B. Adams (1880 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 6, p. D, line 1). Mary Little, dau. of Mrs. M. E. Little and wife of Benjamin Adams, died two days after Ben Jr.'s birth, providing compelling indirect evidence that she was his mother. "Died," *Federal Union*, 5 Feb. 1867, p. 3, col. 6.

³³⁰ Mamie Camilla McComb Adams death certificate [*supra* note 325].

³³¹ 1880 U.S. Census, District 105, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 1, p. 171A, family 725.

³³² Harrington, *Methodist Church Record Books* [*supra* note 62], 152.

³³³ Mary Elizabeth Adams McLeod (Dothan, Ala.), interviewed by the author, 5 Jan. 2011.

³³⁴ "Adams-McComb," *Union Recorder*, 15 July 1890, p. 3, col. 2.

³³⁵ 1900 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 5, sheet 6A, line 5.

³³⁶ "Busy Week for Superior Court," *Union Recorder*, 19 Jan. 1915, p. 1, col. 5.

³³⁷ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, 8:123, 19:501, 32:348.

³³⁸ "Mrs. Mamie Adams," *Union Recorder*, 21 Dec. 1962, p. 4B, col. 2.

³³⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, D:105-06.

- 1 *Frank D. ("Boots") Adams*, b. 31 Aug. 1890, d. Milledgeville 8 March 1939, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;³⁴⁰ m. Baldwin Co. 8 Nov. 1911 Alma Moore Hancock,³⁴¹ b. 8 Dec. 1887, d. 8 June 1974, dau. of Frank and Olivia (Fowler) Hancock.³⁴²
 - 2 *Clyde Adams*, b. say 1892 (the only gap in births among his siblings), d. an infant, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.³⁴³
 - 3 *Benjamin Blake Adams*, b. 24 March 1894, d. Milledgeville 18 Dec. 1962, bur. West View Cemetery, Milledgeville;³⁴⁴ m. Baldwin Co. 25 June 1931 Helen Louise McManus,³⁴⁵ b. 1 Nov. 1909, d. 8 Nov. 2001, dau. of Brantley and Mary (Roundtree) McManus.³⁴⁶
 - 4 *Clifton Adams*, b. 8 Aug. 1896, d. at his residence 8 Nov. 1962, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.³⁴⁷
 - 5 *Willie Dennis Adams*, b. 2 May 1898, d. Baldwin County Hospital 21 Aug. 1963, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery; m. Frances Lucile Smith,³⁴⁸ b. 1 March 1899, d. 19 April 1975, dau. of Augustus Joel and Mary Evie (Winslett) Smith.³⁴⁹
 - 6 *Lewis Adams*, b. 1 June 1900,³⁵⁰ d. 31 Aug. 1902, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.³⁵¹
 - 7 *Lucile Adams*, b. 19 Aug. 1903, d. Green Acres Nursing Home, Milledgeville 20 Aug. 1990, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.³⁵²
- ii LUCILE MCCOMB, b. ca. 1871,³⁵³ d. Milledgeville 26 Dec 1946, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;³⁵⁴ m. Baldwin Co. 18 Jan. 1899 JESSE WAYNE SCOTT,³⁵⁵ b. 21 Sept. 1862, d. 7 March 1939, son of William and Martha (Sinclair) Scott.³⁵⁶ At the time of her marriage, Lucile was a school teacher,³⁵⁷ but left the profession because married women were not allowed to be teachers in that era. Her husband was a farmer; the success of his 1910 cotton crop was noted in the newspaper.³⁵⁸ In addition to land jointly owned with her

³⁴⁰ Frank D. Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 4767 (1939).

³⁴¹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1907–1912, p. 417.

³⁴² Alma H. Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 14030 (1974).

³⁴³ *Historic Memory Hill Cemetery* [*supra* note 194], 106.

³⁴⁴ Benjamin Blake Adams Jr., Georgia death certificate no. 29226 (1962).

³⁴⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1930–1935, p. 129.

³⁴⁶ Louis Adams McManus, Georgia death certificate no. 53588 (2001).

³⁴⁷ Clifton Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 26651 (1962).

³⁴⁸ Willie Dennis Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 23074 (1963). A record of the couple's marriage has not been found.

³⁴⁹ Frances Lucile Smith Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 11997 (1975).

³⁵⁰ *Historic Memory Hill Cemetery* [*supra* note 194], 106.

³⁵¹ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

³⁵² Lucile Adams, Georgia death certificate no. 32004 (1990).

³⁵³ 1880 U.S. Census, 105th District G.M. (Gumm's), Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 1, p. 171A, line 33.

³⁵⁴ Lucile McComb Scott, Georgia death certificate no. 26727 (1947).

³⁵⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages 1894–1899, p. 400.

³⁵⁶ Jesse Wayne Scott, Georgia death certificate no. 7335 (1939).

³⁵⁷ "List of Teachers," *Union Recorder*, 30 Jan. 1900, p. 8, col. 3.

³⁵⁸ *Milledgeville News*, 26 Aug. 1910, p. 5, col. 3.

husband,³⁵⁹ Lucile also owned land of her own. She had property inherited from her mother and at least 135 acres in the Scottsboro area south of Milledgeville.³⁶⁰ Some time in the 1930s, Lucile was institutionalized in the Milledgeville State Hospital (now called Central State Hospital), Georgia's hospital for the mentally ill.³⁶¹ Her daughters Mamie and Ione served successive terms as their mother's guardian. Ione was dismissed as guardian a year before Lucile's death. No estate was opened after Lucile died, apparently because there was no property to divide. She had sold the last of her land to daughter Mamie in April 1946 before her death in Dec. that year.³⁶²

Children of Jesse Wayne and Lucile⁴ (McComb) Scott:

1 *Jesse Wayne Scott*, b. 14 June 1905, d. Toombs Nursing Home, Lyons, Ga., 16 Aug. 1988, bur. Lyons City Cemetery;³⁶³ m. Baldwin Co. 1 Jan. 1929 Lillian Wood,³⁶⁴ b. 31 Aug. 1909, d. 14 March 2000, dau. of Dan and Lillian (Ethridge) Wood.³⁶⁵

2 *Mamie L. Scott*, b. 21 Oct. 1907, d. St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., 14 May 1992, bur. Riverside Memorial Park, Jacksonville;³⁶⁶ m. Herbert Alphonso Peacock Jr., b. 6 June 1903, d. 6 April 1990, son of Herbert A. and Mamie (Rigsby) Peacock.³⁶⁷

3 *Ione McComb Scott*, b. 25 Jan. 1912, d. Oconee Regional Medical Center, Milledgeville, 29 Nov. 1994, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;³⁶⁸ m. Baldwin Co. 22 Aug. 1948 Reuben Nesbit Ashfield Jr.,³⁶⁹ b. 31 Jan. 1912, d. 7 Dec. 1982, son of Reuben Nesbitt and Annie Lane (Miller) Ashfield.³⁷⁰

iii CLIFFORD FREDDIE MCCOMB, b. ca. 1874,³⁷¹ d. Fairburn, Fulton Co., Ga., 13 Aug. 1952,³⁷² bur. Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Stockbridge, Henry Co., Ga.;³⁷³ m. Baldwin Co. 16 Dec. 1902 ALBERT GRAY BOWDEN,³⁷⁴ b. 27 March 1861, d. 16 Oct. 1938, son of A. J. and Mary (Hollingsworth) Bowden.³⁷⁵ Freddie was one of the few McCombs to permanently leave Baldwin Co. How she came to know her husband is not mentioned in contemporary records. They married at Hunter McComb's

³⁵⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, NN:551, 552.

³⁶⁰ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, 2:461, 11:470.

³⁶¹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Court Minutes, 1942, pp. 312-13.

³⁶² Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, 32:348.

³⁶³ Jesse Wayne Scott, Georgia death certificate no. 34534 (1988).

³⁶⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1925-1930, p. 380.

³⁶⁵ Lillian W. Scott, Georgia death certificate no. 14655 (2000).

³⁶⁶ Mamie L. Peacock, Florida death certificate no. 55466 (1992), Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.

³⁶⁷ Herbert A. Peacock Jr., Florida death certificate no. 41651 (1990).

³⁶⁸ Ione Ashfield, Georgia death certificate no. 49282 (1994).

³⁶⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1946-1951, p. 306.

³⁷⁰ Reuben Nesbitt Ashfield, Georgia death certificate no. 40106 (1982).

³⁷¹ 1880 U.S. Census, 105th District G.M. (Gumm's), Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 1, p. 171A, line 34.

³⁷² Freddie McComb Bowden, Georgia death certificate no. 18317 (1952).

³⁷³ "Mrs. F. M. Bowden," *Atlanta Journal*, 14 Aug. 1952, p. 50, col. 2.

³⁷⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1899-1903, p. 323.

³⁷⁵ Albert G. Bowden, Georgia death certificate no. 26183 (1938).

house and then left for Henry Co. near Atlanta.³⁷⁶ Freddie lived the life of a farmer's wife, on the border of Henry and Clayton counties where Albert had land he had purchased before the marriage.³⁷⁷ Her visits to her mother and sisters in Baldwin Co. were occasionally noted in the newspaper.³⁷⁸ Albert sold his land in 1934.³⁷⁹ Apparently, neither Albert nor Freddie had significant assets at their deaths because they did not leave estates. Freddie's daughter became a dancer, performing in the United States, Cuba, and Asia before turning to teaching after a car accident.³⁸⁰

Child of Albert Gray and Clifford Freddie⁴ (McComb) Bowden:

1 *Mary Ruth Bowden*, b. Baldwin Co. 22 Nov. 1906, d. DeKalb Medical Center, Decatur, Ga., 19 Jan. 1997, as "Maria Martinez Martin," bur. Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery,³⁸¹ m. Pasco Co., Fla., 8 June 1941 Joseph Martin,³⁸² div. Hillsborough Co., Fla., 20 Feb. 1952.³⁸³

5 GORDON³ MCCOMB (*Robert², Samuel¹*), born about 1848,³⁸⁴ died at his home on McComb's Mount in Baldwin County on 19 November 1921 and was buried in Sparta City Cemetery.³⁸⁵ He married in Hancock County on 7 April 1879 MARY ANN/ANNIE DURHAM,³⁸⁶ who died in Milledgeville on 9 May 1932 and was buried in the same cemetery.³⁸⁷ She appears to have been the daughter of Dr. A. F. and Sarah/Sallie Durham.³⁸⁸

In 1870, Gordon McCombs [*sic*], age 22, born in Georgia, was a "R. R. Employee" with a crew in Bullock County, Alabama.³⁸⁹ He was in Baldwin County, Georgia, at the 1874 confrontation that ended in the death of his brother Fred. By his 1879 marriage, he had moved to Sparta in Hancock County, twenty miles northeast of Milledgeville.³⁹⁰ In December 1880, his apparent mother-in-law Sarah L. Durham traded Gordon's interest in his father's land for a house and twelve-acre lot in Sparta, which had been

³⁷⁶ *Union Recorder*, 23 Dec. 1902, p. 11, col. 2.

³⁷⁷ Henry Co., Ga., Deeds, 8:510-11.

³⁷⁸ *Union Recorder*, 13 Aug. 1912, p. 8, col. 2; *Union Recorder*, 5 Sept. 1916, p. 5, col. 1; *Milledgeville News*, 24 July 1918, p. 5, col. 2.

³⁷⁹ Henry Co., Ga., Deeds, 31:19.

³⁸⁰ "Maria Martin, Dancer Who Toured the World," *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, 23 Jan. 1997, p. C6.

³⁸¹ Maria Martinez Martin, Georgia death certificate no. 3757 (1997).

³⁸² Florida marriage certificate 18533 (1941), Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.

³⁸³ Florida report of divorce 2332 (1952), Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.

³⁸⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., p. 99, line 10.

³⁸⁵ "Gordon McComb," *Macon Daily Telegraph*, 21 Nov. 1921, p. 2, col. 3.

³⁸⁶ Hancock Co., Ga., Marriages, 1878-1880, p. 120.

³⁸⁷ "Mrs. Annie MaComb Buried in Sparta," *Augusta Chronicle*, 11 May 1932, p. 2, col. 3.

³⁸⁸ Hancock Co., Ga., Deeds, Y:125-26.

³⁸⁹ 1870 U.S. Census, Union Springs, Beat No. 10, Bullock Co., Ala., p. 224.

³⁹⁰ "Married," *Union and Recorder*, 8 April 1879, p. 3, col. 3.

deeded to her by A. F. Durham in 1873.³⁹¹ The same day, Gordon gave the house to his wife.³⁹² In Hancock County, Gordon worked in the dry goods business as a salesman.³⁹³ He was a member of the first board of education in Sparta.³⁹⁴

Gordon retired to McComb's Mount in 1911.³⁹⁵ By 1905, the 900-acre McComb plantation had been reduced to a 50-acre tract around the old house. Title of house was conveyed to Gordon and his wife through two transactions in 1905 and 1912.³⁹⁶ Gordon and Annie died in 1922 and 1932, respectively, leaving grandson Frank McComb Chandler as sole heir to the Mount property.³⁹⁷ Frank sold the property to Mrs. T. H. Rentz for \$4,000 in 1938, ending a century of McComb family control of old Mount Nebo.³⁹⁸ The house burned on 29 February 1944.³⁹⁹

Children of Gordon³ and Mary Ann (Durham) McComb, all b. Hancock Co., Ga.:

- i MARION L.⁴ MCCOMB, b. 23 Jan. 1880, based on a calculation of one year, eight months, and twelve days from her death, d. 5 Oct. 1881, bur. Sparta City Cemetery.⁴⁰⁰ The only known written record of Marion is her listing in the 1880 U.S. Census as age 4/12, b. Jan, dau. of Gordon.⁴⁰¹
- ii [unknown] MCCOMB, d. about the same time as Marion McComb, the Hancock Co. *Times and Planter* reporting that Gordon McComb lost two children within a week, "all he had."⁴⁰² This child's age is unclear.
- iii ANNIE HILL MCCOMB, b. June 1882,⁴⁰³ d. Baldwin Co. 27 March 1915, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;⁴⁰⁴ m. Baldwin Co. 3 June 1914 SAMUEL THOMAS CHANDLER,⁴⁰⁵ d. 29 June 1920, son of Joseph B. and Mary Frances (Simpson) Chandler.⁴⁰⁶ Annie grew up at her parents' house in Sparta but maintained strong links to her cousins in Milledgeville. Her closest friendship was to her first cousin, once removed, Anna Lee McComb, dau. of Marcus Huson McComb (no. 3 ii 4) of Milledgeville. They were only one

³⁹¹ Hancock Co., Ga., Deeds, V:665.

³⁹² Hancock Co., Ga., Deeds, V:666.

³⁹³ 1900 U.S. Census, Sparta, Hancock Co., Ga., E.D. 18, sheet 1B, line 65.

³⁹⁴ *Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, 1890-1891*, 2 (Atlanta: Franklin Publishing House, 1892): 1004.

³⁹⁵ *Union Recorder*, 10 Oct. 1911, p. 7, col. 2.

³⁹⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, OO:300, 409.

³⁹⁷ Baldwin Co., Ga., Ordinary Minutes 1927, pp. 96, 125.

³⁹⁸ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, 23:229.

³⁹⁹ "Historic Old Home Destroyed by Fire," *Union Recorder*, 2 March 1944, p. 1.

⁴⁰⁰ Gravestone, Sparta City Cemetery, Hancock Co., Ga.

⁴⁰¹ 1880 U.S. Census, Sparta, Hancock Co., Ga., E.D. 43, p. 161B, line 37.

⁴⁰² *Union and Recorder*, 11 Oct. 1881, p. 1, col. 3.

⁴⁰³ 1900 U.S. Census, Sparta, Hancock Co., Ga., E.D. 18, sheet 1B, line 67.

⁴⁰⁴ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁴⁰⁵ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1912-1917, p. 250.

⁴⁰⁶ Samuel T. Chandler, Georgia death certificate no. 19260 (1920).

year apart in age, and when they reached adulthood the Milledgeville paper regularly noted their mutual visits and trips.⁴⁰⁷ Like McComb marriages before, matrimony preceded tragedy. Less than a year after her marriage, and two weeks after delivering her first child, Annie died from complications resulting from the birth. The little boy Frank, having never known his mother, lost his father at age five when Samuel died after falling from the roof at McComb's Mount.⁴⁰⁸

Child of Samuel Thomas and Annie Hill⁴ (McComb) Chandler:

1 *Frank McComb Chandler*, b. 9 March 1915, d. Sparta, Hancock Co., Ga, 20 Jan. 1971, bur. Sparta City Cemetery;⁴⁰⁹ m. Sparta 1 April 1944 Annie Lillian Simpson,⁴¹⁰ b. 28 Sept. 1920, dau. of Arnie Chandler and Annie Kate (Holder) Simpson.⁴¹¹

6 HENRY EMERSON/EMMETT³ MCCOMB (*Robert², Samuel¹*), born on 30 October 1850,⁴¹² died in Baldwin County on 8 September 1909 and was buried in Memory Hill Cemetery.⁴¹³ He married at the Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville on 24 October 1883 ANNIE VICTORIA HENDRIX,⁴¹⁴ born on 2 November 1862 and died on 14 February 1928, the daughter of Henry and Isabella (Bivins) Hendrix.⁴¹⁵

During Reconstruction, Emerson lived in Hancock County. When he was 26, he began buying property in Baldwin County and soon moved back to the city of his origin.⁴¹⁶ There he began working in Adolph Joseph's dry goods store as an assistant to the store manager, his nephew Thomas L. McComb, who was eight months his senior.⁴¹⁷ By 1891 he opened a grocery business.⁴¹⁸

Emmett died two months shy of his 59th birthday. By his will he gave McComb's Livery Stable to his son Robert, reserving a life estate to Annie.⁴¹⁹ Other property included 230 acres east of Milledgeville and two

⁴⁰⁷ Numerous, regularly appearing social notes in the *Union Recorder* announce "Annie McComb" visiting "Annie McComb," they being described as either "of Sparta" or "of this city" to distinguish one from the other.

⁴⁰⁸ "Falls From House Roof, Sustaining Broken Neck," *Macon Daily Telegraph*, 30 June 1920, p. 1, col. 2.

⁴⁰⁹ Frank McCombs Chandler, Georgia death certificate no. 6255 (1971).

⁴¹⁰ Hancock Co., Ga., marriage certificate 236 (1944), Probate Court, Sparta.

⁴¹¹ Hancock Co., Ga., marriage license application, Chandler-Simpson (1944), Probate Court, Sparta.

⁴¹² Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁴¹³ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁴¹⁴ "At the Altar," *Union and Recorder*, 30 Oct. 1883, p. 1; Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1881-1887, p. 155.

⁴¹⁵ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁴¹⁶ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, P:9, 10, 11, 48, 49.

⁴¹⁷ "A Mammoth Mercantile Establishment," *Union and Recorder*, 30 Sept. 1879, p. 3, col. 3.

⁴¹⁸ *Union Recorder*, 3 March 1891, p. 7, col. 1.

⁴¹⁹ Baldwin Co., Ga., Wills, A:349.

city lots. He gave a diamond ring to his wife, then at her death to his granddaughter Marie, who was less than a year old when the will was written. Emmett's life was celebrated in the newspaper, which ran a long obituary. He was a man of "sterling integrity" with a loving spirit. "Original, jovial, accommodating, he cheered the gloom away from many depressed spirits. . . . Deeply affectionate himself, he rejoiced in the love of his wife and son."⁴²⁰

Child of Henry Emerson/Emmett³ and Annie Victoria (Hendrix) McComb:

- i ROBERT HENDRIX⁴ MCCOMB, b. 28 Oct. 1884, d. Milledgeville 19 Dec. 1937, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;⁴²¹ m. Baldwin Co. 27 Nov. 1907 ANNIE LOUISE HALL,⁴²² b. 19 Oct. 1888, d. 29 May 1984, dau. of Minor William and Lula Harrell (Rockwell) Hall.⁴²³ Robert followed in his father's footsteps as a businessman, playing a leading role in the transition from horse to automobile transportation. By 1910 he owned a dray line, transporting goods in horse-drawn wagons.⁴²⁴ In March 1911 he advertised the sale of E.M.F. automobiles and that summer he opened a car repair garage in the old city stables formerly owned by his uncle William S. McComb.⁴²⁵ The business was a success and a year later Robert built a new two-story brick garage to accommodate increased demand for his services.⁴²⁶ Understanding the critical need for good infrastructure for car traffic, Robert served on the Road and Bridge Committee of the Baldwin County Grand Jury.⁴²⁷ He made enough from the business to retire in 1917.⁴²⁸

Robert took the mantle of his grandfather, living in the McComb house on Wilkinson Street⁴²⁹ and taking ownership of much of the land around McComb's Mount.⁴³⁰ Like his grandfather and relatives before him, business success came together with personal tragedy. Robert lost two children. His daughter Camille, "one of the most lovable children in all Milledgeville," died of diphtheria at age seven in Oct. 1918.⁴³¹ Her mother was seven months

⁴²⁰ "Death of Mr. H. E. M'Comb," *Union Recorder*, 19 Sept. 1909, p. 1, col. 4.

⁴²¹ Robert H. McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 30181 (1937).

⁴²² Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1907-1912, p. 20.

⁴²³ Annie Louise Hall McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 13292 (1964).

⁴²⁴ 1900 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 6, sheet 8A, line 19; "Rush Demand for Cotton," *Milledgeville News*, 22 July 1910, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴²⁵ "Spring is here, get an auto," *Milledgeville News*, 31 March 1911, p. 6, col. 4; "A New Enterprise to be Started Here," *Union Recorder*, 25 July 1911, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴²⁶ "McComb's Garage Work to be Started at Once," *Milledgeville News*, 26 July 1912, p. 1, col. 6.

⁴²⁷ *Union Recorder*, 7 July 1915, p. 4, col. 4.

⁴²⁸ "Mr. H. K. Brown Leases McComb's Auto Garage," *Milledgeville News*, 13 July 1917, p. 1, col. 2.

⁴²⁹ 1930 U.S. Census, Milledgeville, Baldwin Co., Ga., E.D. 7, sheet 1B, line 59.

⁴³⁰ Baldwin Co., Ga., Deeds, 14:285.

⁴³¹ "Little Camille Victim of Diphtheria [sic]," *Milledgeville News*, 2 Oct. 1918, p. 1, col. 6.

pregnant at the time and, while the birth was apparently successful, son Robert who was born in Dec. 1918 survived only to March 1920.⁴³²

Children of Robert Hendrix⁴ and Annie Louise (Hall) McComb:

1 *Marie Louise*⁵ *McComb*, b. 13 Sept. 1908, d. 125 S. Wilkinson St., Milledgeville, 12 Nov. 1989, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;⁴³³ m. 8 Oct. 1940 Hugh Yandell Cook,⁴³⁴ b. 22 Oct. 1889, d. 23 Sept. 1969, son of John Drury and Alean (Purgason) Cook.⁴³⁵

2 *Camille McComb*, b. 29 Aug. 1911, d. 25 Sept. 1918, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.⁴³⁶

3 *Henry Emerson McComb*, b. 14 Aug. 1916, d. Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio, 3 July 1977, bur. Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe;⁴³⁷ m. Baltimore, Md., 14 Nov. 1944 Mary Gertrude Bradley,⁴³⁸ dau. of Homer H. and Oma Jane (Keeter) Bradley.⁴³⁹

4 *William Hall McComb*, b. 21 Dec. 1918, d. Medical Center of Central Georgia, Macon, 29 Nov. 1997, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery;⁴⁴⁰ m. Emanuel Co. 21 April 1944 Virginia Lane Gray,⁴⁴¹ b. 14 July 1919, d. 18 Jan. 2007, dau. of William Augustus and Mary Virginia (Lane) Gray.⁴⁴²

5 *Robert Hendrix McComb*, b. 21 Dec. 1918, d. 111 Wilkinson St., Milledgeville, 6 March 1920, bur. Memory Hill Cemetery.⁴⁴³

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⁴³² Robert Hendrix McComb Jr., Georgia death certificate no. 6796 (1920).

⁴³³ Marie Louis Cook, Georgia death certificate no. 46979 (1989).

⁴³⁴ Baldwin Co., Ga., Marriages, 1935–1941, p. 445.

⁴³⁵ Hugh Y. Cook, Georgia death certificate no. 31028 (1969).

⁴³⁶ Gravestone, Memory Hill Cemetery.

⁴³⁷ Henry Emerson McComb, Ohio death certificate no. 53556 (1977), Vital Statistics, Columbus.

⁴³⁸ Baltimore, Md., marriage certificate 51404 (1944), Circuit Court, Baltimore.

⁴³⁹ Mary Gertrude (Bradley) Cousino (Chillicothe, Ohio), interviewed by the author, 11 April 2007.

⁴⁴⁰ William H. McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 52177 (1997).

⁴⁴¹ Emanuel Co., Ga., Marriages, I:214.

⁴⁴² Virginia Lane McComb, Georgia death certificate no. 4555 (2007).

⁴⁴³ Robert Hendrix McComb Jr., Georgia death certificate no. 6796 (1920).