

Written by Dr. Nathaniel Barber Hall before his death in 1902.

Transcribed by Debbie Cloud

A short hystory of the Hall family, susposing myself to be the oldest living member of our family--

John Hall came to S. Carolina with his widowed mother [Cybella (Hollis) Hall] from Virginia prior to the Revolutionary war which her brothers John and Moses Hollis. John [Hollis] went into the Army and endured the hardships of the trying times. And came out an honored soldier with the rank of Captain. John Hall, my grandfather, was in the military camps at the close of the war, aged 16. He married Martha Gladden, whose mother was an Agnew. Her father being a widower when he married her mother, having one son by his first wife, he died. The widow married again, a man named Groodrum [Goodrum], to them were born two girls, half sisters of grandmother. One of them married a Porter, the other a Tidwell. Grandfather's marriage occured about 1788- Their family were:

[1] Darlin born about 1789, moved to Mississippi at an early age, married and left a wife and two children, Cynthia and William. He Darlin was killed by a mexican, over in Texas

[2] Mansel born 1791 married Delphia Porter, his cousin, moved to north Mississippi, having a family of three children. The mother went visiting one day, taking John, the eldest with her, leaving the other two, with the negro woman cook. A band of bad indians came upon them, killing them all three and robbing the house. After which Mansel returned to South Carolina. To them were born Labon, James, Daniel, Whitson, Franklin, Joseph and a daughter, name forgotten. In 1836, Uncle Mansel went back to Mississippi, Settled in Marshall County near Holly Springs, died in 1841.

[3] Thomas, born about 1793, was a Methodist Preacher, married his cousin Keziah Gladden, to them were born: Sally, Eleanor, Martha (Patsy), John Mills, Emeline , Adeline, Narcissa, Kizanna, Mary Jane Amanda. His first wife died and he married again, the widow Arledge nee Kennedy. They had two children Eliza and Thomas.

[4] Martha "Patsy" born 1795 married Samuel Stokes, who became a Methodist preacher. Their children were Nancy, Martha, Eliza, Sarah, Julia, William, Reuben, Amelia, Patience. She moved to South Mississippi in 1836.

[5] John "Jackey," my father, born about 1797, married Mollie Barber an Irish girl, who belonged to the Colony of Irish Patriots from Antrim County, North Ireland, who came to South Carolina in 1797. [Mollie's father was John L. Barber. According to John's gravestone, he came to "Fairfield District in 1791."] To them were born Mansel 1816, Louisa 1818, John 1820, Nathaniel 1821, Louceba 1824, Infant Mary 1825, lived but a few days-mother [Mary "Mollie" Barber Hall] dying at the same time of puerpeal peritonitis. John died of brain fever March 1826. Father married again in 1829 to Dorcas Gladden, no children. He died July 31, 1831. She [Dorcas] married again three times, growing more corpulent in old age.

[6] Labon, born 1799, married first a Goin. She lived only a few months after marriage. He then married Jane Hunter. To them were born John, William, Thomas, Margaret, Turner, Sarah, Mary, James, who became an itinerant preacher. Labon married a third time to a widow Parker. They had one son. They parted, got divorced, married again in Mississippi, where he went in 1845. One son last marriage, who was a Physician in Tenn.

[7] William [Ellison] born 1801, graduated at Charleston, South Carolina, Medical College in 1826, married Dec. 25, 1831 to Dorcas Jones. To them were born Jemina, Judith, Elisha, the last two being twins, John. Both Elisha and John became doctors. William was very enterprising and died of heart failure in 1869.

[8] Daniel, born 1803, married Mary McCullough, an Irish girl. Their children were Thomas, Elizabeth, John, William. Being left a widower, he married a Miss Hickland. There were several children. He died at an advanced age, of 83.

[9] Sally, born 1805, died about time she arrived at young womanhood.

[10] Reuben, born 1807, married Eliza Smith, one son born to them who died in young manhood. being left a widower he married again and moved to Mississippi and died shortly afterwards. His widow married John Henry

Smith, cousin to his first wife.

Having finished with the first generation, I will revert to my father's family.

[1] Mansel married 4 times[:] Jane Neil, Jane McDaniel, Jane Furgeson & Jane Barber. The first two had no children. The others two each. The Ferguson children both died in infancy. The last two grew to manhood. Ira died young. Walter is living near Kings Mountain, S. C.

[2] Louisa married A M. Knighton. They had three daughters Mollie, Sarah, Eugenia. They are in Texas. Louisa died 1848 of heart failure.

[3] John died in his sixth year.

[4] Nathaniel (myself) graduated from Charleston, South Carolina Medical College 1846. Married Nancy Boulware in 1849. Our children are Gertrude, Benjamin, James, Maxcy, Metellus, Olin [, and Nannie]. Three died, Mary, John, and William. Moved from South Carolina to Floyd County, Georgia December 1853, moved to S.W. Georgia, Webster County December 1859. Served in the army State Hospital nine months. Three as Captain six as Surgeon. Moved back to Floyd County 1868. Moved to Gordon County December 1880.

[5. Sarah Louceba, born in 1824, married James Thomas Perkins. They moved to Collin County, Texas in the 1870s. Sarah Louceba died in May 1919 in Collin County, Texas. She is buried, along with several of her children and grandchildren, at Cottage Hill Cemetery, Celina, Collin County, Texas. James T. Perkins died in 1879 in Collin County, Texas. He is buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Collin County, Texas.]

Gertrude married R. H. Jones 1870, to them were born six sons and a daughter. They moved to Texas 1887 [1886].

\*Errata- I omitted to state at the proper place that grandfather died 1835 [1834], of bilious fever. Grandmother died of same disease 1842.