

DAVID MELTON ROBINSON

David Melton Robinson was the third child of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina (Fountain) Robinson. He was born on February 15, 1858 at Cat Creek, near Valdosta, Berrien County, Georgia. He grew up on the family farm at Cat Creek and learned the trade of farming.

David Melton was the second child to be married. He married Malissa Matilda Bennett on July 11, 1875 in Cat Creek (See Exhibit 5-6 for photograph and Exhibit 5-7 for Marriage License). Malissa was the daughter of William A. Bennett (born in Alabama) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Strickland (born in Georgia). Malissa was born on April 2, 1861 near Cat Creek, at the Bennett homestead, located 3.5 miles south of Nashville, Georgia, on the Old Coffee Road. Malissa's sister, Eliza, married David Melton's brother, James Hiram in 1874. Both David Melton and Malissa spent their childhood years living at the homesteads where they were born, near the Cat Creek area. Some of the elders recall that David Melton and James Hiram both met their wives, who were sisters, while attending church (more information pertaining to the Bennett family follows the information on David Melton).

When married, David Melton and Malissa first lived at Cat Creek. It is unknown whether they lived with his parents, her parents, or if they rented their own homestead. Research of the land records does not show any land purchases by David Melton in the Cat Creek area. While living in this area, they had two children, Joseph Milton (Joe) and Nancy Martha (Mattie).

In 1877 they moved to the Oakey Grove area in Berrien County, 1/4 mile northwest of Oakey Grove Church. David Melton and Malissa moved along with David Shannon, Nancy Carolina, and their five children, and his brother's, James Hiram, family.



David Melton Robinson
&
Malissa Matilda
(Bennett) Robinson

David Melton and
Malissa's home, built
by them in 189__ (??)
This house was built
in front of their old
home, which was converted
into a kitchen and dining
room (the two houses
were separated).

Exhibit 5-6



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State of Georgia, Berrien County:

To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court,
Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel:

You are hereby Authorized to Join

D M Robinson & Malissa M Bennett

In the holy state of MATRIMONY, according to the Constitution and Laws
of this State; and for so doing this shall be your sufficient License.

Given under my hand and seal, This 8th day of
July 1875

W E Connell Ordinary.

GEORGIA, Berrien County:

I Certify, That D M Robinson and
Malissa M Bennett were duly joined in Matrimony
by me, this 11th day of July 1875

Ansel Parrish M. G.

David Melton purchased a farm and home in the early 1880's. The existing, old house on the property was lived in by David Melton and his family. It was later converted for use as a kitchen and their new house was built in front of the old house (See Exhibit 5-8 for photograph of the family standing in front of the old house and Exhibit 5-6 for photograph of the new house).

David Melton and Malissa were very faithful to their religion and in the beliefs of the Primitive Baptist Church. They attended church services of the Primitive Baptist faith, which were held underneath the shade of a large grape arbor. This was on land owned by them and it was just southeast of their home (this site is just west of where Oakey Grove Church sits today). It is believed the first wooden structure that replaced the grape arbor was built sometime after 1879 and before 1890. On February 22, 1890 David Melton and Malissa, along with nine other members, came together for the purpose of constitution of the church.

David Melton sold 137 acres of land (lot #467, district 6) to his father, David Shannon, on January 11, 1894. This piece of property is where the church and cemetery were located. Years later, in 1904, David Shannon donated 25 acres of this land to the Oakey Grove Church and Cemetery.

According to the 1900 Census Report (dated July 28, p. 32A, Sheet #32, 1146 district, Berrien County, Dwelling #687-751) David Melton was listed as head of the household, age 42. He was a farmer and he owned his own house and farm, which were free of mortgage. Malissa was listed as his wife, age 39. Their children and year of birth were listed as follows: Warren 1883, Arren A. 1885, Matilda E. 1887, Tillman W. 1889, Bettie R. 1891, Jane 1893, Charlie H. 1896, Sallie M. 1898, Arizona 1899. Their first four children were not listed; three had already married and one had died in childhood. After this census, they had two more children (see Exhibit 5-9A through 5-9C for Family Group Record #4). David Melton reported all the children, with the exception of Bettie and her younger brothers and sisters, could



David Melton and Malissa's family in 1892
Left to right: William David, Joseph Milton, John Warren,
Malissa, Tillman Washington, David Melton,
Matilda Easter, Nancy Martha, Rachel Elizabeth,
Arren Asbury (marked out with pencil).

Husband: DAVID MELTON ROBINSON 3*-5

Born: 15 FEB 1858 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Chr.: Place:
 Marr: 11 JUL 1875 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Died: 1 FEB 1923 Place: HIS HOME, NEAR OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Bur.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Father: DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON 0*-1 Mother: NANCY CAROLINA FOUNTAIN 0*-2 Parents' MRIN: 1
 Other wives:

Wife: MALISSA MATILDA BENNETT 3*-16

Born: 2 APR 1861 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Chr.: Place:
 Died: 12 JUL 1941 Place:
 Bur.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Father: WILLIAM ASBURY BENNETT *REF 3*-1514 Mother: ELIZABETH STRICKLAND *REF 3*-1515 Parents' MRIN: 530
 Other husbands:

Sex Children

1. Name: JOSEPH MILTON (JOB) ROBINSON, SR. 3-1*-17 Spouse: CAMILLA (MITTIE) E WALKER-96 MRIN: 13
 --- Born: 13 DEC 1875 Place: CAT CREEK, VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 M Chr.: Place:
 Marr: Place: NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Died: 10 AUG 1927 Place: NEAR OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

2. Name: NANCY MARTHA (MATTIE) ROBINSON 3-2*-18 Spouse: JACKSON C. (JACK) COLLIER 3-2*-154 MRIN: 23
 --- Born: 2 APR 1877 Place: CAT CREEK, VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 F Chr.: Place:
 Marr: 24 DEC 1893 Place:
 Died: 10 APR 1935 Place: AT HOME, NEAR LENOX, COLQUITT CO, GEORGIA

3. Name: WILLIAM DAVID ROBINSON 3-3*-19 Spouse: LOU ALICE ALEXANDER 3-3*-342 MRIN: 94
 --- Born: 29 NOV 1879 Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 M Chr.: Place:
 Marr: 27 DEC 1899 Place: HER HOME, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 Died: 22 JAN 1951 Place:

4. Name: ELIZA E. ROBINSON 3-4*-20 Spouse:
 --- Born: 5 SEP 1881 Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 F Chr.: Place:
 Marr: Place:
 Died: 18 JUL 1887 Place:

5. Name: JOHN WARREN ROBINSON 3-5*-21 Spouse: VIRGINIA (JENNY) M KELLEY-653 MRIN: 202
 --- Born: 29 NOV 1883 Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA
 M Chr.: Place:
 Marr: 28 JAN 1906 Place:
 Died: 14 JAN 1958 Place: ZOLFO SPRINGS, HARDEE CO, FLORIDA

Name and address of submitter:
 JOHN SNYDER ROBINSON
 3531 KEYSTONE ROAD Phone: 813-937-2719
 TARPON SPRINGS, FL
 34689-9498

Husband: DAVID NELTON ROBINSON 3*-5
 Wife: MALISSA MATILDA BENNETT 3*-16

Yr of Birth 1858
 Yr of Birth 1861

Sex Children (continued)

6.	Name: ARREN ASBURY ROBINSON 3-6*-22	Spouse:	
---	Born: 21 APR 1885	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died: 28 MAY 1966	Place: BOWLINGGREEN, FLORIDA	
7.	Name: MATILDA BASTER ROBINSON 3-7*-23	Spouse: JAMES THOMAS BUCKHOLTS 3-7*-684	NRIN: 210
---	Born: 5 APR 1887	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 23 OCT 1901	Place: HER HOME, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 20 OCT 1953	Place: WAYCROSS, WARE CO, GEORGIA	
8.	Name: TILLMAN WASHINGTON ROBINSON 3-8*-24	Spouse:	
---	Born: 8 JUN 1889	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died: 6 OCT 1918	Place: FRANCE	
9.	Name: ELIZABETH RACHEL (BETTY) ROBINSON 3-9*-25	Spouse: JACOB (JAKE) BOYD McMILLAN 3-9*-737	NRIN: 225
---	Born: 28 MAR 1891	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 13 AUG 1911	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 24 DEC 1986	Place: GEORGIA	
10.	Name: JANE (JANIE) MALISSA ROBINSON 3-10*-26	Spouse: ROWLAND ANDREW WALKER, SR. 3-775	NRIN: 233
---	Born: 22 MAY 1893	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 3 FEB 1910	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 18 FEB 1964	Place: PLANT CITY, HILLSBOROUGH CO, FLORIDA	
11.	Name: CHARLIE HOWARD ROBINSON 3-11*-27	Spouse: HAVANA ODESSA TAYLOR 3-11*-821	NRIN: 251
---	Born: 7 JAN 1896	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 20 DEC 1915	Place: COURT HOUSE, TIFTON, TIFT CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 5 AUG 1980	Place: PLANT CITY, HILLSBOROUGH CO, FLORIDA	
12.	Name: SALLIE MAGDALINE ROBINSON 3-12*-28	Spouse:	
---	Born: 19 FEB 1898	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr:	Place:	
	Died: 26 MAY 1981	Place:	
13.	Name: ARIZONA CHARLOTTE ROBINSON 3-13*-29	Spouse: ARTHUR LESTER LIPSEY 3-13*-895	NRIN: 282
---	Born: 20 OCT 1899	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 5 OCT 1931	Place: PREACHER'S HOME, NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 8 JAN 1978	Place: MASONIC HOME, ST. PETERSBURG, PINELLAS CO, FLORIDA	
14.	Name: MARY EMMA ROBINSON 3-14*-30	Spouse: EARLY GRINER 3-14*-899	NRIN: 285
---	Born: 14 APR 1903	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIFTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 1921	Place: AT MARY'S, PARENT'S HOME, OAKY GROVE	
	Died: 18 JUL 1989	Place: NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	

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Husband: DAVID MELTON ROBINSON 3*-5
 Wife: MALISSA MATILDA BENNETT 3*-16

Yr of Birth 1858
 Yr of Birth 1861

Sex Children (continued)

15.	Name: BERTHA LEE ROBINSON 3-15*-31	Spouse: GEORGE IRMAN BELFLOWER 3-15*-901	MRIN: 287
----	Born: 14 JAN 1907	Place: DMR'S HOMESTEAD, TIPTON, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
F	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 3 AUG 1924	Place: REVEREND GRIFFEN, SHADY GROVE CH, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died:	Place:	

read, write, and speak English. He had a three horse farm and was a general farmer. General farming means that he raised corn to feed both the livestock and the family, tobacco as a cash crop, sugar cane, and vegetables for the family to eat. See Exhibits 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, and 5-14. *A+B for 5-11 to 5-14. jm*

In 19___, David Melton wanted another fish pond, in addition to the one he already had. He dug a rather large fish pond, approximately _____ acres, without the use of motorized equipment. Clifford Robinson recalls his great-grandfather, David Melton, paying \$0.05 a wheel barrel load for moving dirt from the pond area to the dam being built.

Sugar cane was one of the annual crops raised on David Melton's farm. The event of cane grinding was an all day long, festive, family tradition. It was a time of fun for both the young and the old. The relatives have very fond memories of being able to chew cane and drink all the cane juice they wanted. Both kids and adults would participate in all kinds of games. The adults prepared the ingredients for making pull candy. This was made by taking cane syrup and cooking it until it reached a taffy stage. Then the children would participate in rolling the candy in strips and pulling it over and over until it became a bright silver color. Everyone had to remember to bring a glass bottle to get it filled with fresh syrup. Some even remember the adults continuing the party with the whiskey made from fermented cane skimmings. When grinding the cane, enough cane juice was boiled into syrup to last for a whole year. A little bottle of syrup was an item that always remained on the dining table. At the end of a meal, you could always take a biscuit, make a hole in it with your finger, and then fill the hole with cane syrup; this made a good dessert.

David Melton's property contained a big buggy barn and a blacksmith shop for taking care of his horses. He also had a very big buggy that was pulled by a small horse for his personal use.

Malissa Matilda (Bennett) Robinson
and her 1923 Model "T." Arlie Snyder
Robinson learned how to drive on this
car (See page 103).



Easter Bennett (sister to Malissa)

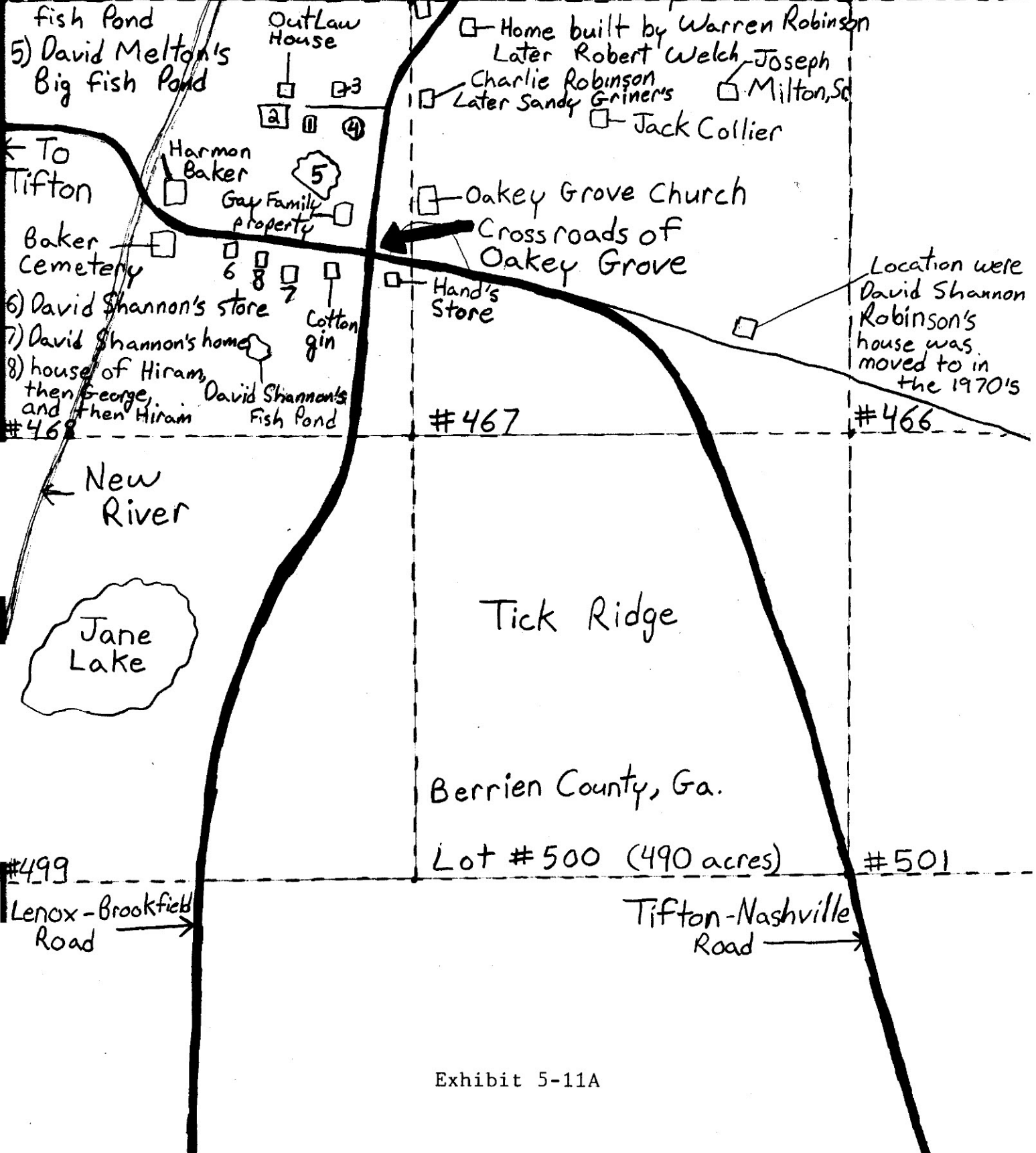


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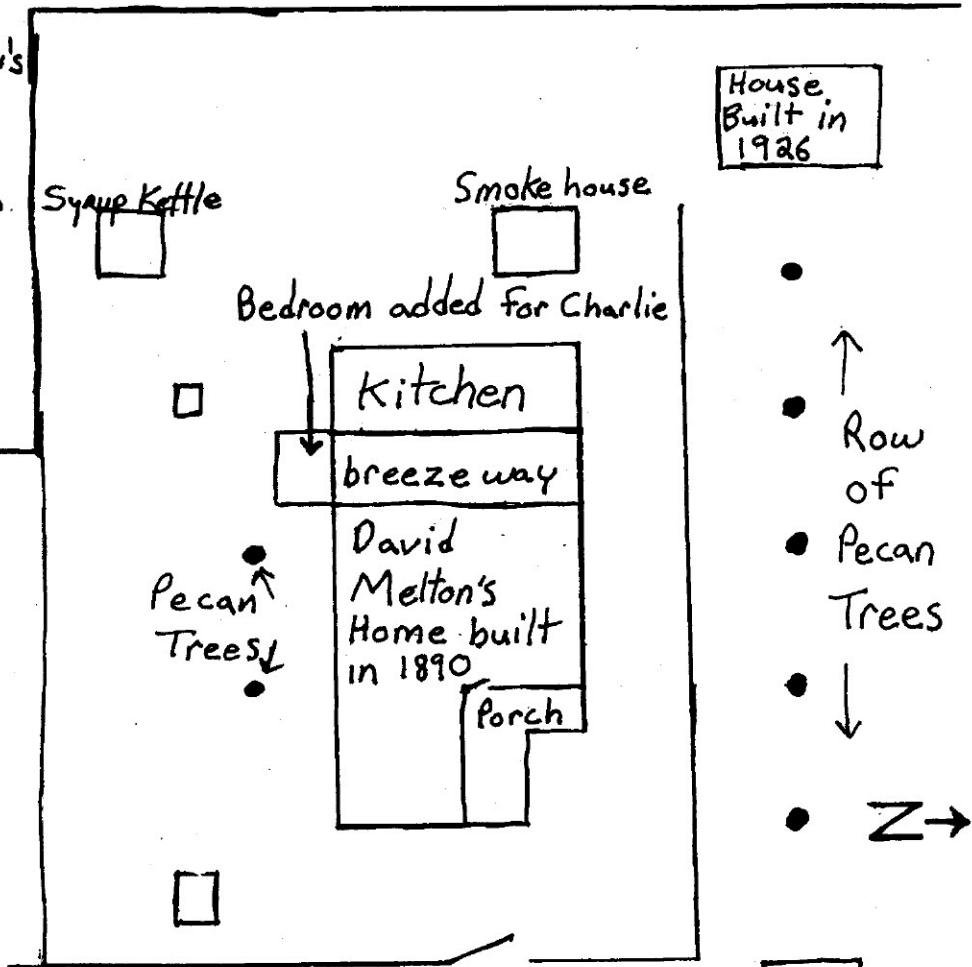
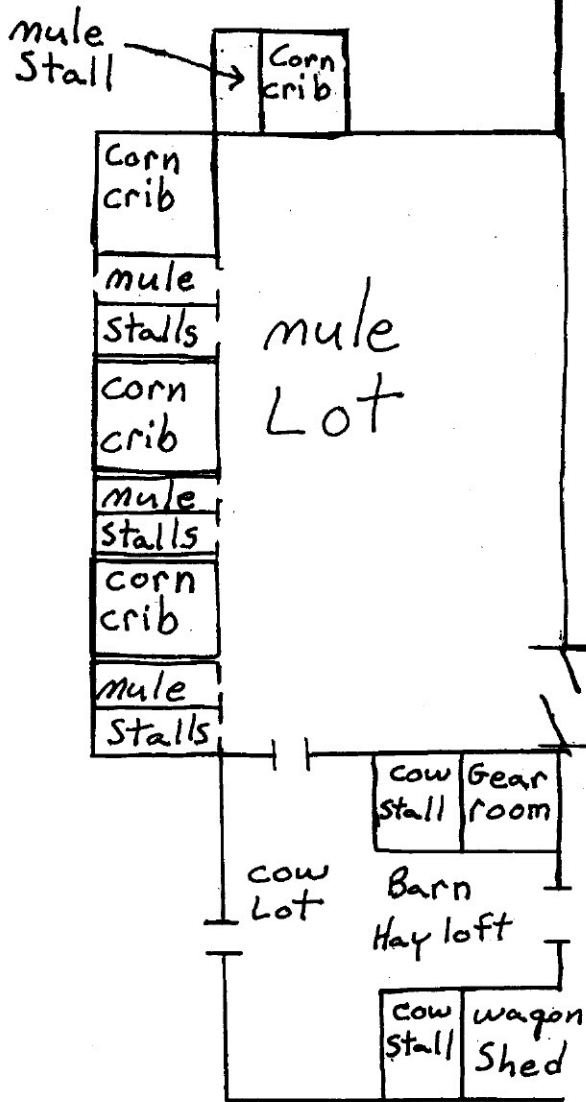
- 1) David Melton's 1880's house
- 2) David Melton's 2nd house
- 3) William David Robinson's 1st log house
- 4) David Melton's little

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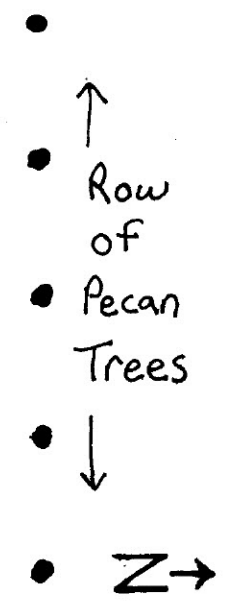
Map of Oakey Grove Crossroads, Early 1900's



DAVID Melton Robinson's
 homeplace 1/4 mile N_o
 of Oakley Grove Church.
 1910-1925



House
 Built in
 1926



Car House

Large
 Oak tree

Black
 Smith Shop
 Buggy
 Shed

tobacco
 barn

small
 fish pond

old
 log
 House



Family photograph taken on Sunday July 4, 1909. The occasion was to celebrate July 4th. plus the upcoming 34th. wedding anniversary of David and Malissa on July 11th. This picture was made about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Oakey Grove in front of David's and Malissa farmhouse. The background shown in the picture is what you would see standing on their front porch looking east, to the right side of roadway.

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| 1. Archie Shannon Robinson | 23. Virginia (Kelley) Robinson |
| 2. William Shannon Robinson | 24. Mattie Mae Robinson |
| 3. Joseph Milton Robinson Jr. | 25. Maggie Collier |
| 4. Auther Lee Robinson | 26. John Warren Robinson |
| 5. Laura Sylvania Robinson | 27. Carrie Collier |
| 6. Irene Elizabeth Robinson | 28. Sallie Magdaline Robinson |
| 7. Walter Mitchell Robinson | 29. Camilla (Walker) Robinson |
| 8. Bertha Lee Robinson | 30. (Mattie) Nancy Martha Robinson |
| 9. Alice Rachel Buckholts | 31. Jim Collier |
| 10. Fannie Belle Buckholts | 32. Jack C. Collier |
| 11. Arizona Charlotte Robinson | 33. Arren Asbury Robinson |
| 12. Leona Collier | 34. Missouri C. Robinson |
| 13. Mary Emma Robinson | 35. Malissa Jane Robinson |
| 14. Ethel Victorie Robinson | 36. (Betty) Rachel Eliz. Robinson |
| 15. Eula Collier | 37. David Melton Robinson |
| 16. Ella Jane Robinson | 38. Malissa (Bennett) Robinson |
| 17. Charlie Howard Robinson | 39. Matilda (Robinson) Buckholts |
| 18. Tillman Washington Robinson | 40. James (Jim) Thomas Buckholts |
| 19. William David Robinson | 41. William (Willie) Lee Buckholts |
| 20. Jesse James Robinson | 42. Joseph Milton Robinson Sr. |
| 21. Lou Alice (Alexander) Robinson | 43. Easter Bennett |
| 22. Arlie Snyder Robinson | |

Exhibit 5-12B



David Melton's family in 1915 (identification on next page)

Exhibit 5-13A





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Family photograph taken of David Melton and family on July 4th. 1915. This celebration was in honor of David and Malissa's 40th. wedding anniversary which occurred on July 11th. 1915.

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| 1 David Melton | 10 Tillman Washington |
| 2 Malissa (Bennett) | 11 Rachel Elizabeth (Betty) |
| 3 Joseph Milton | 12 Malissa Jane |
| 4 Nancy Martha (Mattie) | 13 Charlie Howard |
| 5 William David | 14 Sallie Magdaline |
| 6 Eliza E. (Not shown) | 15 Arizona Charlotte |
| 7 John Warren | 16 Mary Emma |
| 8 Arren Asbury | 17 Bertha Lee |
| 9 Matilda Easter | |
- (Arranged by number in order of their age)

David Melton's family in 1915 (identification on next page)

Exhibit 5-14A



Family photograph taken on July 4th. 1915. The celebration was to commemorate the 40th. anniversary of David Melton and Malissa Robinson. This picture #27 shows David Shannon and 3 generations of his offspring.

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| 1 Jim Collier | 30 James (Jim) Buckholts |
| 2 Arlie Snyder Robinson | 31 Roland Andrew Walker |
| 3 Roy Melton Robinson | 32 Lou Alice Robinson |
| 4 Jerry Jackson Robinson | 33 William David Robinson |
| 5 Howard Collier | 34 (Betty) Rachel (Robinson)McMillan |
| 6 Bertha Lee Robinson | 35 Jacob (Jake) McMillan |
| 7 Walter Mitchell Robinson | 36 Camillia Robinson |
| 8 Laura Sylvania Robinson | 37 Daniel Webster Robinson |
| 9 Frank Kelley Robinson | 38 Joseph Milton Robinson Sr. |
| 10 Irene Elizabeth Robinson | 39 Matilda Easter (Robinson)Buckholts |
| 11 Jessie James Robinson | 40 John Warren Robinson |
| 12 Mattie Mae Robinson | 41 Virginia (Kelley) Robinson |
| 13 Alice Buckholts | 42 Ethel Victorie Robinson |
| 14 Arthur Lee Robinson | 43 Ella Jane Robinson |
| 15 Fanny Alma Walker | 44 Leona Collier |
| 16 Malissa Jane (R.) Walker | 45 Eula Collier |
| 17 John Melton Andrew Walker | 46 William Shannon Robinson |
| 18 Charley Allen Walker | 47 Fannie Buckholts |
| 19 Jewell McMillan | 48 Arren Asbury Robinson |
| 20 Vida Mae Robinson | 49 Arizona Charlotte Robinson |
| 21 Cecil Woodrow McMillan | 50 Mary Emma Robinson |
| 22 Willie Buckholts | 51 Archie Shannon Robinson |
| 23 Randall Walker | 52 Charlie Howard Robinson |
| 24 Robert Collier | 53 Tillman Washington Robinson |
| 25 Malissa (Bennett)Robinson | 54 Sallie Magdaline Robinson |
| 26 David Melton Robinson | 55 Carrie Collier |
| 27 David Shannon Robinson | 56 Joseph Milton Robinson Jr. |
| 28 Jack C. Collier | 57 Maggie Collier |
| 29 Mattie (Robinson) Collier | |

David Melton was the fertilizer agent for the local farmers. He extended credit to farmers and occasionally made cash loans to them. He gave his fertilizer customers a large man's leather pocketbook. It had large drawstrings and could hold bills, change, and other papers. His grandson, Arlie Snyder Robinson, said it was big enough to carry the money of at least three or four farmers.

David Melton was always known as a person that was "good for his word," which meant, if he promised you he would do something, you could count on it to happen. He was a very soft spoken person and easy going, but there was never any doubt about him meaning what he said. Also, he was very well respected and a person held in the highest regards by the people in the community and his church.

David Melton told his children they were always welcome to come back home to live. However, if they did, then he would hire them as paid farm hands and require them to pay room and board.

David Melton felt very strongly about the need for his children to get a formal education. He always offered them the opportunity to attend school, which was not required by law. If you elected to attend school, he would spend the money to provide for your education. If you elected not to continue school after basic schooling, then he would help you get a section of land as your own for learning how to become a farmer. Later, when becoming an adult and getting married, he would provide you with a small piece of property that you had earned by share cropping while learning to become a farmer.

His oldest son, Joseph Milton, took the option to learn how to farm. Later, his father gave him a real nice farm of approximately 100 acres, which used to be the old Carter's place. His next to the oldest son, William David, was the first one to choose the offer of a formal education. This gave him the opportunity to attend grades one through seven. John Warren elected to accept his father's offer of property and learn how to farm.

When David Melton died, he was transported to Oakey Grove Church and Cemetery by the old gray mule called "Old Tom." This same mule was used by David Melton to carry his deceased son, Tillman Washington Robinson, to Oakey Grove Church and Cemetery.

MALISSA BENNETT'S FAMILY

Malissa's parents were William Asbury Bennett and Elizabeth Strickland (See Exhibit 5-15 for photograph). William was born in South Carolina in 1825. He came to Lowndes County as a young man (this area later became Berrien County when it was formed in 1856 out of Lowndes County). Eddie Bennett of Berrien County, recalls the story told by his elders about William Asbury Bennett's parents. During William Asbury's early youth, his mother, _____, died and his father, _____ Bennett, left William Asbury with his mother's people. His father then left and moved to Alabama, where he died. William Asbury received word that his father had died, had left him an estate, and that he needed to collect it. William Asbury and his son, John, walked to Alabama to acquire the property. They found they had inherited a mule, cart, slave woman, and baby. They loaded the woman and baby in a cart and returned them to Berrien County, Georgia.

William Asbury resided in Berrien County and he married Elizabeth Strickland, daughter of Stephen D. Strickland and Rachel _____. Elizabeth was born in South Carolina.

Elizabeth (Strickland) Bennett

Mother of Eliza & Malissa

Berrien County, Georgia Approx. 1890



Exhibit 5-15

William Asbury and Elizabeth had 15 children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr. of Birth</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Jeremiah	1845	m. Rhoda Spikes
2. John F.	1846	m. Rachel Elizabeth Shaw
3. James S.	1848	-died in youth
4. William A.	1848	-died in childhood
5. Rachel	1849	m. Seaborn Tison
6. Eliza	1851	m. James Hiram Robinson
7. Nancy	1853	m. Andrew Jackson Aikens
8. Charlotte	1855	m. Henry Aikens
9. Easter	1856	-never married
10. Elijah	1857	m. Mary Spikes
11. Joseph	1859	m. Queen Ann Hodges
12. Henry W.	1860	-died young
13. Lucy J.	1861	m. William A. Lott
14. William Asbury	1863	m. Susan Baker
15. Malissa	1864 *	m. David Melton Robinson

*In accordance with the 1860 Berrien County Census Records, the above listing varies in sequence and birth years.

William Asbury was the owner of lots of land (#278, 279, and 320) in the 10th. District of Berrien County. His home was on lot 279, which is located about 3.5 miles east of Nashville on the Old Coffee Road. This was the main thoroughfare of travel before the Civil War. William Asbury died March 10, 1864 and Elizabeth died about 1900. She and her husband are buried in the Bennett Family Cemetery on the old home place (Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Folks Huxford, V. 5, p. 31).

The following pages contain information the author acquired over the past several years. It is not intended to be anything other than a collection of notes about the individuals listed. Since I had this information, I felt others would enjoy reading it, rather than waiting for me to put together a book on the descendants of David Melton and Malissa Robinson.

I encourage all descendants from this line to share information with me about the individuals in this family. I welcome any type of information you are willing to provide, whether it be written, scribbled, or verbal. You will be given credit for the information that one day will be transformed into a book.

CHILDREN OF DAVID MELTON AND MALISSA ROBINSON

JOSEPH MILTON ROBINSON, SR. (JOE) was the first child of David Melton and Malissa (See Exhibit 5-16 for photograph). He was engaged in farming, along with running a sawmill and grits mill, located four miles south of Brookfield, Georgia. He resided in Berrien County, near Oakey Grove. He later sold his businesses and moved to Puddleville, now known as Adel, to start a General Merchandising Store.

At a reunion on July 22, 1979, Joseph Milton, Jr. and his first cousin, Arlie Snyder Robinson, recalled a trip they took in the fall of 1925 to a fishery in Florida. Those that went on the trip were William David Robinson, his sons Shannon, Jessie, Arlie Snyder, Roy, Joseph Milton Robinson, Sr. and his sons Joseph Milton, Jr. and Jerry. Also, William David's brother-in-law, Jim Congo, and Rube Peacock, a friend, went along for the trip. They left from Oakey Grove early one morning at daylight. Their mode of transportation was a 1923 "Model T" Ford truck that was owned by Joseph Milton, Sr. The truck was described as having a flat