

## CHAPTER III

### DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON

#### **BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA**

David Shannon Robinson was the youngest son of John and Nancy (Ray) Robinson. He was born near Old Ellenton in Barnwell County, South Carolina on July 30, 1835. His middle name, Shannon, was given after the Shannon River in Ireland, where our ancestors once lived. His birthplace, Old Ellenton, was moved in 1950 to a new location 20 miles west, because the area was taken for the new Savannah River Project by the United States Government. The town's new location is known as New Ellenton.

David Shannon migrated to Lowndes County, Georgia between October 1850 and August 1854, possibly accompanied by his mother, Nancy, and brother, Allen. It is believed they came to be with David Shannon's father, John, and brother, George, who had come to this area in 1850 with Nancy's brother, Hiram Ray. David Shannon, Allen, and Nancy packed up their necessary belongings on

a cart. The cart and their possessions were pulled by an ox for the long journey south.

This area of Georgia was still a sparsely settled frontier. The Creek Indians had conceded their rights to this land in a treaty of 1818 which led to the creation of three large counties from this vast territory. Irwin County was formed on December 15, 1818, consisting of sixteen land districts, divided into 6,500 lots. Most lots consisted of 490 acres each, which totaled approximately 3-million acres of land in the county. Later, Lowndes County was created on December 23, 1825, and Berrien County on February 25, 1856. As a time reference, the city of Valdosta, Georgia, was incorporated by the legislature on December 7, 1860. The first train to go through Valdosta was the Atlantic and Gulf train in 1860, which was pulled by the engine known as "Satilla Number Three."

In the early 1850's (about six to ten years prior to the railroad's arrival in Valdosta), David Shannon came to Lowndes County, Georgia and was considered a real pioneer. Most of the settlers coming to this area were from North and South Carolina or the older parts of Georgia. Maybe they had heard that crop growing and grazing conditions were better down in southern Georgia. Many of them moved their herds of cattle and flocks of sheep along with their families. Wildlife such as deer, turkey, and fish was bountiful; however, life was still difficult in the frontier. All the clothes were made by hand, usually from the wool or cotton grown on their own farm. Items of luxury were not available, and such items as cotton, wool, chickens, eggs, beeswax, tallow, and hides were usually bartered to obtain the necessities of life. It was not an easy task to pick up and move. In addition to the difficulties of acquiring the basic necessities for sustaining life, people also had the natural barriers of the country to contend with. Roads were almost nonexistent, trails were rough, and navigation by waterways was difficult due to fallen trees and rough waters. However, our

ancestors survived all of these dangers and successfully migrated southward.

The following maps (Exhibit 3-1 & 3-2) are for identifying geographical areas involving David Shannon's life.

Exhibit 3-1: County Map For The State Of Georgia (and part of South Carolina), 1920

- David Shannon's birthplace, Barnwell County, South Carolina (Reference B-4).
- David Shannon and Nancy Carolina Fountain's first homestead on rented land in the 663rd. district, Lowndes County \*, Georgia (Reference E-2.5).

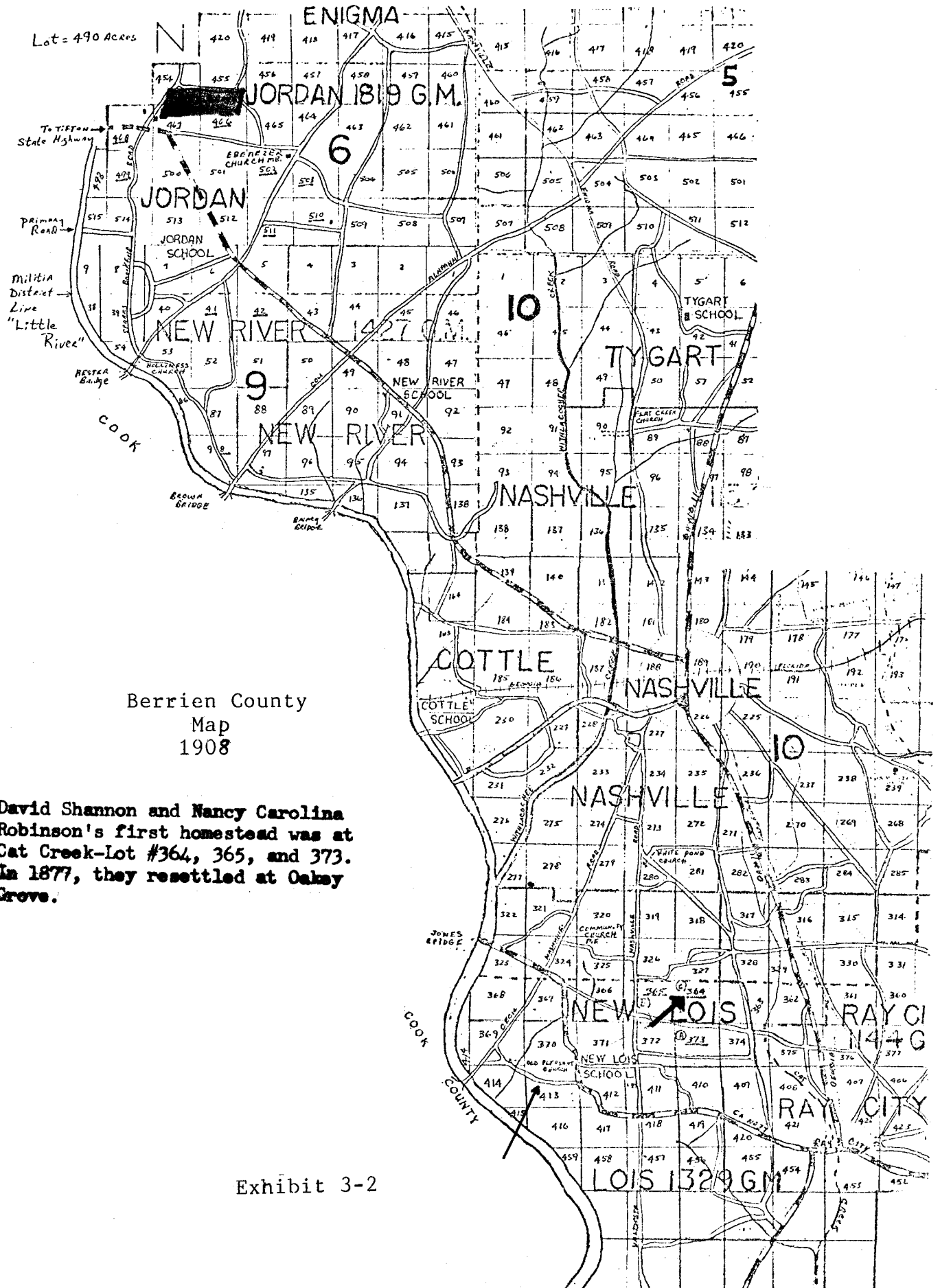
Exhibit 3-2: Map of Berrien County, 1908

- Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church (constituted in 1835), Lowndes County \*, near Cat Creek (Bottom of map, district 10, lot #370).
- David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's first land purchase and homestead at Cat Creek, Lowndes County \* (Bottom of map, district 10, lot #364 & 365).
- Oakey Grove at the intersection of Nashville-Tifton Road and Brookfield-Lenox Road, Berrien County (Top of map, district 6, lot #467).

\*These legal land descriptions took place in a section of Lowndes County, which later became Berrien County when it was created from Lowndes County on February 25, 1856.







Berrien County  
Map  
1908

David Shannon and Nancy Carolina Robinson's first homestead was at Cat Creek-Lot #364, 365, and 373. In 1877, they resettled at Oakay Grove.

Exhibit 3-2

## NANCY CAROLINA FOUNTAIN'S FAMILY

Nancy Carolina Fountain, wife of David Shannon Robinson, descended from the Fontaine's of England. It is assumed that Nancy's middle name was associated with the states of North and South Carolina. Jean de-la Fontaine or "John of the Fountain" lived in England and was in the King's service during the reigns of King Frances I, Henry II, Frances II, and until Charles IX, when he resigned. The original name, "Fountain," was one of location, that is, he must have lived near some noted fountain in the province. The "de-la" in the name was retained until about 1633, when it was dropped by his grandson, James, due to feelings of humility under the persecution. Jean de-la Fontaine's great-grandson, James, was born in 1658 and lived in Jenonville, France. He became a Protestant preacher and escaped from France in 1685 due to persecution for his faith. He married Elizabeth Boursignot in 1686 and settled in Bridgewater, England, but eventually moved to Dublin, Ireland, where he died. He left six sons, one of them being Peter Fontaine. He graduated with a degree in law in 1711, was ordained as a minister in London in 1715, and emigrated with his wife to Virginia in 1716. The Reverend Fontaine had seven children: Peter, Moses, Sarah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Aaron, and a daughter who married a Winston. It is from these Fontaines that the Fountains of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia are descended. The original name of "Fontaine" was frequently used as "Fountain" after coming to America (History of Wilkinson County, Victor Davidson, p. 501-3).

In one branch of the family in North Carolina, there were two sons, Francis and John. Francis kept a diary, and in 1754 there appears this entry: "John has married and we learn that he has married well" (History of Wilkinson County, Victor Davidson,

p. 503). There is no concrete evidence, but it is possible that John Fountain married Patrick Henry's daughter, Martha Henry. John served in the Revolutionary War of 1776 with a company of militia from Hyde County, North Carolina. John had at least three children: Israel, born 1775, Ethelred, born 1785 (both born in North Carolina), and Henry. Soon after the birth of Ethelred, John moved to South Carolina. About 1799, he moved deeper into the frontier lands of Georgia and settled in Jefferson County (Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Folks Huxford, V. 3, p. 99).

Jefferson County is where Ethelred met Elenor Ingram, daughter of David Ingram. Elenor was born in Burke County (now Jefferson County) in 1786.<sup>of 96</sup> They were married in Jefferson County on February 11, 1813 and shortly thereafter, they moved to Wilkinson County where all their children were born (See previous reference, p. 99). The following is a list of their children's names, birth dates, and marriage information (Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Folks Huxford, V. 7, p. 145):

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|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 1. Mary           | b. Dec. 28, 1814 | m. William (Billie) Waters,<br>son of Issac Waters               |
| 2. William E.     | b. 1816          | m. Frances Webb on March<br>31, 1844, daughter of<br>Dawson Webb |
| 3. James I.       | b. 1818          | m. Sabrina Chambers on May<br>17, 1842                           |
| 4. Elafair        | b. 1822          | m. Henry Cook on May 21,<br>1845                                 |
| 5. (Daughter)     | b. 1825          | m. John Baker  |
| 6. Nancy Carolina | b. Dec. 21, 1831 | m. David Shannon Robinson<br>on Aug. 23, 1854                    |

Elenor and Ethelred had moved to Wilkinson County (about two miles from the present town of Gordon) to be with Ethelred's brother, Israel, who had moved to this area about 1815 (this date

should be around 1813, because Elenor and Ethelred moved to Wilkinson County before they had their first child in 1814). Israel was the first by the name of Fountain in Wilkinson County. The earliest official record of him is when he witnessed a deed for land lot #241 in 1816, between Ethelred Fountain of Jefferson County and David Ingram. Ethelred had purchased this land three years after his marriage to Elenor (History of Wilkinson County, Victor Davidson, p. 502-3).

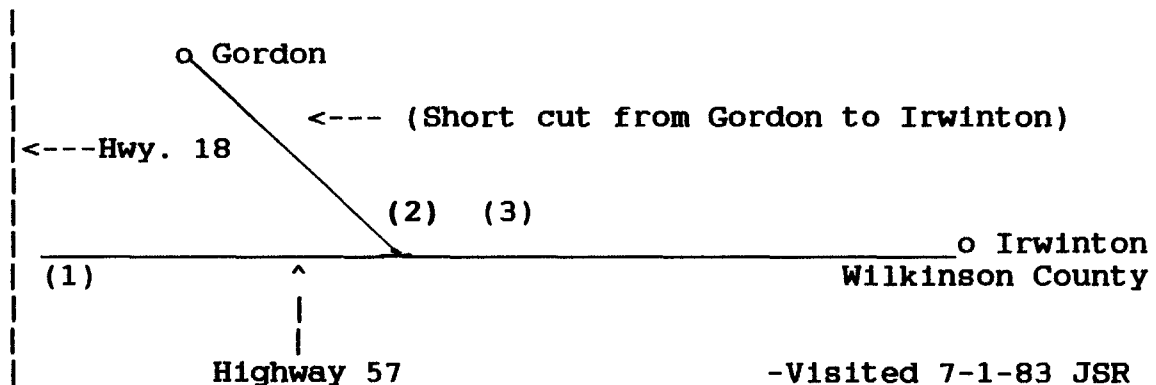
Mary and her husband, William (Billie) Waters, were the first of her family to move to Lowndes County, Georgia in the early 1840s. In 1845, brothers William E. and James and their wives moved to join them, followed by Ethelred, Elenor, and daughter Nancy Carolina. In the 1850 Lowndes County Census (Entry #640), Ethelred is shown at age 65, farming and living with his wife Elenor, age 64, and daughter Nancy Carolina age 20. Ethelred reported North Carolina as his place of birth and Georgia for Elenor and Nancy. Entry #610 shows William E. Fountain to be age 35, working as a laborer with his wife Frances, age 24, and daughter Elizabeth, age 3. All reported Georgia as their place of birth.

William E. and Frances became members at Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church (constituted June 1835) soon after coming to the area. William was the sixth male member to join the church, and Frances was the seventh female member. They continued to live at the Fountain homestead on lot #270 in a section of Lowndes County that was cut into Berrien County in 1856. William E. died at his family home on August 28, 1896, and Frances died two years later on July 6, 1898. They are buried at Pleasant Cemetery near Cat Creek.

William (Billie) and Mary (Fountain) Waters lived next to her brother James in the area near Empire Primitive Baptist Church. William (Billie) was a member and was ordained as a deacon in 1865. Mary died April 24, 1877, at age 62, and she is buried at Pleasant Cemetery near her brother William E. Fountain. William (Billie) Waters left the area soon after Mary died and he

settled in Arkansas. He died there in 1887 and is buried in Arkansas. It is a possibility that William (Billie) knew of a Robinson that lived in Arkansas, which could have been David Shannon's brother, Allen. This may have been what drew him to that state. For additional information on William Waters, see "Civil War Duty" in this chapter.

Ethelred and Elenor returned to Wilkinson County after Nancy Carolina married David Shannon Robinson in 1854. Ethelred wanted to spend his remaining days back near his old homestead. Ethelred died there about 1860. He and Elenor are buried in the Fountain Cemetery located two miles from Gordon, Georgia (Reference (2) in the map below).



- (1) Ramah Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery.
- (2) Thorp Cemetery (used to be known as Fountain Cemetery).
- (3) McArthur Cemetery. There is a Robinson buried here.

## CAT CREEK HOMESTEAD BEFORE THE WAR

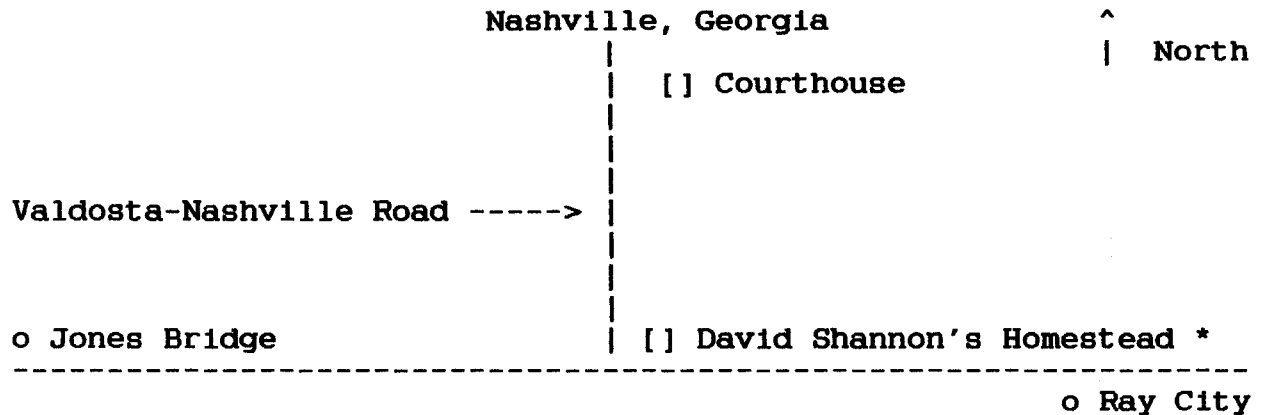
David Shannon's migration from Barnwell County, South Carolina led him to Cat Creek, near Valdosta, in Lowndes County, Georgia. It is still unknown why David Shannon chose to live in Cat Creek when he left South Carolina. This is where David Shannon met his wife Nancy Carolina Fountain. They were married on August 23, 1854 in Lowndes County, Georgia (this section is now Berrien County which was formed February 25, 1856).

In the 1860 Census, dated June 28, David Shannon stated he was still farming on rented land located in the 663rd. district near Valdosta, Georgia. He reported his personal value to be worth \$352. His age was 23, and Nancy was 27. Their children were reported as James Hiram, age 5, David Melton, age 2, and Sarah Ann, 4 months old. The census records did not reveal any information about the death of their second child.

The family bible records of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina (See Exhibit 3-3A through 3-3C) show this child was born on March 22, 1857, and died on March 31, 1857. The name of the child is unknown. It is believed the child was buried at Pleasant Cemetery near Pleasant Church where Nancy Carolina's brother, William E., and wife, Frances, were members.

On November 12, 1860, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina took their savings and purchased their first land which was sixty acres of lot #373 in District 10 of Berrien County. The land was purchased from Nancy Carolina's older brother, James Fountain, and wife, Sabrina. On this land, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina either built a small log house or occupied an existing one on the property. The house was located among four pecan trees. The land was considered good farm land because it was

level and flat. The homestead was located one mile west of Cat Creek and seven miles due south of Nashville, Georgia. The south lot line that runs through the center of the Nashville Courthouse is the same lot line that bordered the east of David Shannon's property.



\* Now owned by A.N. Harnage,  
Route #2, Nashville, Georgia

John Snyder Robinson and his father, Arlie Snyder Robinson, located the original homestead on August 22, 1979. Arlie had been told stories about his grandfather, David Shannon, living at a place called Cat Creek. He was told that the pecan trees were so tall that the squirrels were the only ones that ever got to eat the pecans from the top of the trees. While at Cat Creek, John and Arlie met the current owner of the land, A. N. Harnage. He showed them where the original homestead once stood. It burnt in a fire in 1940 soon after he purchased the land. The old homestead area today is still identified by four large pecan trees possibly planted by David Shannon. The trees are enormous in size.

The only descendants of David Shannon, other than John and Arlie, that are known to have visited this site was Joseph Milton Robinson, Sr. and his sons, Archie Shannon and Daniel Webster. Dan remembers seeing an old log house with pecan trees on both sides.

THE  
**HOLY BIBLE,**

CONTAINING

**THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:**

TRANSLATED OUT OF

**THE ORIGINAL TONGUES,**

AND WITH THE

**FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND  
REVISED.**

NEW YORK:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

Instituted in the Year 1816.

[Nonpareil 12mo.]

1844.

This is David Shannon and Nancy Carolina Robinson's family bible, while residing at Cat Creek. The birthdates for David, Nancy, and all eight of their are recorded on its pages. Exhibit 3-3C (top line, left side) shows the record of when "one baby was born in the year of our Lord March 22, 1857 and died March 31, 1857."

Exhibit 3-3A



David D Robinson  
was born in the  
year of our lord  
July the 30 1835  
F Nancy G Robinson  
~~was~~ Was born in  
the year of our lord  
December the 21 1835  
David D Robinson  
and Nancy G fountain  
was married August  
the 23 1856  
James H Robinson  
was born in the  
year of our lord  
July the 11 1835  
~~David D Robinson~~  
was born in the  
year of our lord

One baby was borne  
in the year of our 1857  
Lord march the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
and died march 31: 1857

David M Robinson  
was borne in the  
year of our Lord  
february the 15: 1858

David A Robinson  
was borne in the  
year of our Lord  
march the 6: 1860

Mary M Robinson  
was borne in the year  
of our Lord  
June the 16: 1862

George A Robinson  
was borne in the  
year of our ~~Lord~~  
Lord October the  
26: 1861

John B Robinson  
was borne in the year  
of our Lord march  
the 21: 1866

Joseph D Robinson  
was borne in the year  
of our Lord  
march the 29: 1869

Exhibit 3-4A & 3-4B are photographs of the Cat Creek area as it existed in 1979.

Photographs: Exhibit 3-4A

Top left and right- Cat Creek (one mile east of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's Cat Creek homestead).

Bottom left- A. N. Harnage's house. The cluster of trees to the far right is where David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's homestead was located.

Bottom right- Arlie Snyder Robinson (left) and A. N. Harnage (right) at Mr. Harnage's house on August 22, 1979.

Photographs: Exhibit 3-4B

Top left- The opening between the two tree tops is where David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's original homestead was located.

Middle right- Arlie Snyder Robinson and the four pecan trees.

Bottom left- David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's original homestead was located between the second and third tree from the left.







Exhibit 3-4B



## CIVIL WAR DUTY

Buying their own home at Cat Creek was a time of happiness for David Shannon and Nancy Carolina, but it was also a time of gloom. The presidential election was being held, and the clouds of war were hovering over the entire South about the issue of slavery. Then on April 12, 1861, the North attacked Fort Sumter, South Carolina. By the summer of 1861, the call for 100 volunteers went out across Berrien County, Georgia. The volunteers met and lined up on the public square in Nashville, Georgia. In July of 1861, this company of men moved out to Savannah, Georgia, and mustered into service. Some of these volunteers later returned to Berrien County as recruiting officers to gather additional troops for the South.

In April 1862, the "Andrews Raid" occurred in northern Georgia, and the call was issued for 100 volunteers to enlist. David Shannon responded and enlisted on May 6, 1862 for 3 years or more. His unit formed Company "E" 54th. Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry Army of Tennessee, Confederate States of America, Berrien County, Georgia. This company was made part of Mercer's Brigade and was commanded by Captain J. D. Evans. The company then moved out to Savannah, Georgia to join Company "G" 54th. Regiment from Berrien County. Many left with confidence that the North would soon collapse without the South's cotton for its mills and that the war would soon be over.

Six weeks after David Shannon left home, he received a letter from Nancy Carolina telling about the birth of their fifth child being born. He sent Nancy Carolina a reply asking her to name their baby "Nancy Savannah" after herself (Nancy) and the place where he was located with the Confederate Army (Savannah). The letter arrived too late, and Nancy Carolina had already named

the baby Nancy Martha. When Nancy Carolina received the letter from David Shannon she modified the name to Nancy Martha Ann Savannah Robinson. This child continued to be known as Nancy Martha Ann Savannah Robinson throughout her life.

David Shannon continued to serve in and around Savannah. The Civil War records show him present on the Company Muster Roll for January and February 1863. His last pay was issued on December 31, 1862 by Captain J. A. Burke. He received \$18 a month for serving in the Confederate forces (Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Civil War Records Section).

In January 1864, David was given furlough to visit his home, where Nancy had maintained their farm with the help of five slaves who had been loaned to her. Prior to David's return home, one of the slaves had attempted to burn the house by setting it on fire. The fire was detected before much damage occurred and was put out by Nancy Carolina and the other four slaves. These four slaves were so upset by what happened that they forced the slave who set the fire to flee. In approximately 1989, William Penn Robinson and Melton (Mutt) Benjamin Baker relayed more of the story. They said the slave who set the fire was owned by William (Billie) Waters and Mary (Fountain) Waters (Mary was Nancy Carolina's sister and William was Mary's husband). The slave was asked why she did it and she said she just wanted to see Mossie, the female master (which was Nancy Carolina), and her children burn. The slave was blindfolded and taken to Mill Town, which is now Lakeland, Georgia, by Nancy Carolina's sons, James Hiram Robinson, age 9, and David Melton Robinson, age 5. There they turned the slave loose. (Editor's Comment: I don't think any of us today can comprehend how hard times were for our ancestors or the slaves during these dark days of time. Just think of the burden that was put on these two children at the ages of 9 and 5).

On April 25, 1864, David was issued clothes and moved with his Company "E" to Dalton, Georgia to reinforce General Johnston's army which now totaled 60,000 men. Their mission was

to stop General Sherman's forces of 90,000 men advancing from Chattanooga, Tennessee to Atlanta. On May 5, 1864, General Sherman moved on General Johnston at Dalton. Several small battles occurred and the biggest battle was on June 27 at Kennesaw Mountain. The north suffered a setback and lost 2,000 men, while the south only lost 270 men. This was not the end, and fighting continued with General Sherman's Army moving closer toward Atlanta. Confederate President Davis was dissatisfied with General Johnston, and he replaced him with General Hood. At the end of four months of battle, General Hood evacuated Atlanta on September 1, and General Sherman occupied the city the next day. (Editor's Comment: Some of this information came from one of the surviving members of Company "K," 54th. Regiment, Georgia Volunteers, from Old Berrien County).

Our elders recall the story of David Shannon being wounded when he was helping defend Lookout Mountain at Dalton, Georgia in the "Battle Above the Clouds." During this battle, he was wounded by a bullet that creased his scalp. David Shannon was able to take cover behind a tree, which took the next three shots aimed for him.

When the battle ended, he was at last able to sit down and enjoy a meal that he had taken from the knapsack of a dead Union soldier. Up until that time, David Shannon had been surviving on salt pork, "hardtack" (hard biscuit made from leaven), and black coffee, all carried in a tin can. The bullet wound David Shannon received during the "Battle Above the Clouds" left a permanent scar on his head.

Back home at Cat Creek, Nancy Carolina and the children continued to suffer from the busted economy of the South. They had to survive on what they could grow in the fields. In addition, it appears that David's \$18 a month income from the army had stopped on December 31, 1862. Nancy Carolina's latest loss was the horse and wagon being confiscated for the war effort by the Confederate Army. Nancy Carolina's brother-in-law, William (Billie) Waters, came to her aid. He hand carved a



double ox yolk for her, and then broke in the oxen for plowing and pulling a wagon. Billie was described as being an old man when he helped Nancy Carolina during the war.

Times were very difficult for David Shannon. After fighting for four months, he was now on the march to Tennessee. The conditions for survival still had not improved. Once again, he was sustaining life off salt pork, "hard tack," and coffee. His clothing was made from shoddy, re woven wool which often fell apart in the first storm. Some of the soldiers lacked shoes and had to march and fight barefoot.

General Hood continued on his march into Tennessee, which was intended to draw Sherman from Atlanta. Instead, Hood's plan failed, and Sherman started his march to the sea on November 15, 1864. The Confederate Army continued their march and became engaged in battle at Franklin, Tennessee on November 30. This cost the south 5,500 lives, and the north suffered a loss of only 1,000. This was a blow to the southern forces, however, the march north into Tennessee continued. On December 15 and 16, General Hood lost another 3,000 of his men against the north in the battle of "Nashville." General Hood's forces were no match for the 60,000 men in Nashville, so he ordered a withdrawal. On their long retreat down to the Mississippi, they sang a bitter song to the tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

"You may talk about your Beauregard,  
and sing of General Lee,  
But the gallant Hood of Texas  
Played hell in Tennessee!"

David retreated with his company and took up position in Tallahassee, Florida on April 9, 1865. General Lee met with General Grant and signed a surrender in Appomattox Court House, Virginia. News of the collapse spread slowly in the south. On May 10, 1865, David Shannon surrendered with his command at Tallahassee and was taken prisoner of war. He was one of 462,634

Confederate soldiers captured during the Civil War, of which 25,976 soldiers died in captivity (The Photographic History of the Civil War, V. 2, p. 186). His commanding officer was General Sam Jones, C.S.A. who surrendered to Brig. General E.M. McCook, U.S.A. The Confederate prisoners were taken thirty-two miles north to a Union army stockade at Thomasville, Georgia. The only prison at Thomasville was a temporary prison operated in the last two weeks of the war by the Union Army (Tom Hill, Thomas County, Curator of History 7/82).

David Shannon was released from the Union prison on May 17, 1865. Then he was granted parole on the condition that he would take an oath, swearing not to bear arms against the United States of America, or give any military information, or do any military duty whatsoever. David Shannon was granted parole and given a pass allowing him to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the military authorities of the United States so long as he observed this parole and obeyed the laws which were in force previous to January 1, 1861 where he resided. His parole papers describe him as 5 feet 8 inches tall, having dark hair, black eyes, and a light complexion.

William Penn Robinson recalls the following story being told by his Aunt Sarah, who was 5 years old at the time. David Shannon returned to his home at Cat Creek by walking, since all the horses were now in property of the U.S. Army. His walk home was approximately forty miles. When he arrived, his daughters Sarah and Nancy and his sons Hiram and David Melton were playing outside and saw him coming up the road. They were frightened and ran inside the house, excitedly telling their mother, Nancy Carolina, that an old man who appeared to be drunk was walking up to the house. When Nancy Carolina went to investigate, she saw David Shannon being greeted by their old dog, "Old Yellow," who had recognized his voice. David Shannon's physical appearance was very much different than when he had visited home in January 1864. Sarah said her father was nothing but skin and bones. His

clothes were all tethered and torn and the cloth was held together with strings.

However, I am sure this must have been a joyful reunion just to know that David survived the war. It was at this reunion that David Shannon saw his sixth child, George Americus, for the first time. George was born on October 26, 1864. The name "George" was selected in honor of David Shannon's brother, George. The name "Americus" was added by David Shannon after his return home from the war. This name was in honor of and in response to David Shannon's personal feelings about the Civil War. Nancy Carolina had become pregnant with George Americus while David Shannon was home on his last furlough in January of 1864.

After the war, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina returned to their lifestyle of farming and raising a family. This was very difficult in the South, with a broken economy and no real plan to rebuild it. Copies of David Shannon's Civil War records for enlistment, muster roll, prisoner of war, and prisoner of war release appear in Exhibit 3-5A through 3-5D.

*Robinson, D. S.*

**Co. E, 54 Georgia Infantry.**  
(Confederate.)

*Private Private*

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*Robinson, D. S.*  
*Priv. Co. E 54 Regt. Ga. Inf.*

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Roll dated .....  
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ENLISTED:  
When *May 6*, 186  
Where *Lawrenceville*  
By whom *Capt. H. Evans*  
Period *3 yrs. 6 mos.*

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By whom .....  
To what time ....., 186

Bounty: Paid, \$ *57* ; due, \$ .....  
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Signature .....

Remarks: .....

Roll No. ....

*W. Farnell*  
Corvet

Confederate Army Service File Cover for David Shannon Robinson

Department of Service Reference Slip  
Office of Pensions  
(Source of application)  
Ga

D. S. Robinson  
(Name)  
Capt., Co. E., 54 Reg't Ga. Inf.

Statement made  
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For year of enlistment

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Harley  
J. A. D.

Form No. 451 - A.G.O.  
May 15-16-1908

54 Ga.

D. S. Robinson  
Capt., Co. E., 54 Reg't Georgia Infantry.

Appears on  
Company Muster Roll  
of the organization named above  
for Jan. & Feb., 1863

Enlisted:  
When May 6, 1861  
Where Savannah  
By whom J. L. Evans  
Period 3 yrs or war

Last paid:  
By whom Capt. T. A. Burke  
To what time Dec. 31, 1862

Present or absent Present

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W. Ward  
Officer

(CONFEDERATE)

*David S Robinson*

Co 3 54 Ga Regt (Inf)

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Signature David S Robinson

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Where paroled *Thomasville Ga.*  
 When paroled *May 16*, 1865.

Remarks:

Reg. No. 63, P. M. O., 1st Div., Cav. Corps,  
 M. D. M., page *150*

*[Signature]*

(652) Copyist.

(Confederate.)

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Contracts	Med. Des. Lists
Death or Effects	Orders
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Discharge from Service	
Duty	

Other papers relating to—

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Contracts	Pay or Clothing
Death or Effects	Personal Reports
Description	Rank
Discharge from Hosp'l	Transfer to Hosp'l
Discharge from Service	Transportation
Duty	

Record of David Shannon being taken prisoner of war

Head-Quarters U. S. Forces

Chambersville, Ga

May 17 1863

I, the undersigned,

*D. S. Shannon* Private

of the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Inf do

solemnly swear that I will not bear arms against the United States of America, or give any information, or do any military duty whatsoever until regularly exchanged as a prisoner of war.

Description: Height,

*5 ft 8 in* Hair, *Dark*

Eyes,

*Blue*; Complexion, *Light*

I certify that the above parole was given by me on the date above written, on the following conditions: The above named person is allowed to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the military authorities of the United States so long as he observes this parole and obeys the laws which were in force previous to January 1, 1861, where he resided.

By order of Brig. Gen. E. M. McCook.

*Thos J. Scott*

Lieutenant Commanding Post.

Record of David Shannon being released as a prisoner of war from the Union Army.



## CAT CREEK HOMESTEAD AFTER THE WAR

The 1870 census report shows David Shannon and Nancy Carolina still living at Cat Creek. Their location was reported in the 1157 Census District of Berrien County (lot #373, Land District 10) and their mailing address was Nashville, Georgia. David Shannon was now 34 years old and earned his living by farming. His and Nancy Carolina's real estate was valued at \$300 and their personal property was estimated to be worth \$602. Nancy Carolina was now 38 years old and her occupation was housekeeping. Their family consisted of James Hiram 14, David Melton 12, Sarah Ann 10, Nancy Martha 7, George Americus 5, John Richard 4, and Joseph Daniel 1 (See Exhibit 3-6A & 3-6B for Family Group Record #1). All of their children were born at their Cat Creek homestead. Cat Creek was part of Lowndes County when James Hiram was born on July 11, 1855. On February 25, 1856, this section became part of a new county called Berrien County, which was formed from Lowndes, Irwin, and Coffee counties.

On January 10, 1871, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina made their second land purchase of 212.5 acres of lot #365, District 10. On December 24, 1874, David Shannon made another purchase of land which was adjacent to his existing farm. It was the entire parcel (490 acres) of lot #364 in District 10. He paid \$250 cash for the land. This increased his farm size to 702.5 acres of land. Today, this farm still exists and is very productive.

Conditions were still very primitive at Cat Creek after the Civil War. Melton (Mutt) Benjamin Baker recalls his grandmother, Nancy Martha, telling how she could remember that as a little girl her father had to store the deer meat on the roof of the house to prevent the bears and wolves from getting to it. She also remembers lying on the floor, within the security of her

Husband: DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON 0\*-1

Born: 30 JUL 1835 Place: ELLENTON, BARNWELL CO, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 Chr.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Marr: 23 AUG 1854 Place: CAT CREEK, VALDOSTA, LOWNDES CO, GEORGIA  
 Died: 20 MAY 1918 Place: HIS HOME, NEAR OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Bur.: 1918 Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Father: JOHN ROBINSON 0\*-3404 Mother: NANCY RAY 0\*-3405 Parents' MRIN: 1396  
 Other wives: MARTHA AVERA-11

Wife: NANCY CAROLINA FOUNTAIN 0\*-2

Born: 21 DEC 1831 Place: NEAR IRWINTON, WILKINSON CO, GEORGIA  
 Chr.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Died: 24 JAN 1902 Place: HOME, NEAR OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Bur.: 1902 Place: OAKY GROVE, TIPT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Father: ETHELRED FOUNTAIN \*REF 0\*-2777 Mother: ELENOR INGRAM \*REF 0\*-2778 Parents' MRIN: 1117  
 Other husbands:

Sex Children

1. Name: JAMES HIRAM ROBINSON 1\*-3 Spouse: ELIZA (SCOTT) BENNETT 1\*-12 MRIN: 3  
 --- Born: 11 JUL 1855 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, LOWNDES CO, GEORGIA  
 M Chr.: Place:  
 Marr: 22 NOV 1874 Place: CAT CREEK, NASHVILLE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Died: ABT 1923 Place: TROUBLE CREEK, FLORIDA

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2. Name: INFANT ROBINSON 2\*-4 Spouse:  
 --- Born: 22 MAR 1857 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Chr.: Place:  
 Marr: Place:  
 Died: 31 MAR 1857 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA

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3. Name: DAVID MELTON ROBINSON 3\*-5 Spouse: MALISSA MATILDA BENNETT 3\*-16 MRIN: 4  
 --- Born: 15 FEB 1858 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 M 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

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4. Name: SARAH ANN ROBINSON 4\*-6 Spouse: JOHN WESLEY BAKER 4\*-32 MRIN: 5  
 --- Born: 6 MAR 1860 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 F Chr.: Place:  
 Marr: Place:  
 Died: 28 NOV 1941 Place: HER HOME, LENOX, COOK CO, GEORGIA

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5. Name: NANCY MARTHA ANN SAVANNAH ROBINSON 5\*-7 Spouse: JACKSON JAMES (JACK) BAKER 5\*-47 MRIN: 6  
 --- Born: 16 JUN 1862 Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 F Chr.: Place:  
 Marr: 2 FEB 1879 Place: DAVID SHANNON, ROBINSON'S, HOME, GEORGIA  
 Died: 11 DEC 1941 Place: AT HOME, LENOX, COOK CO, GEORGIA

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

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12 MAR 1994

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Husband: DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON 0*-1	Yr of Birth 1835
Wife: NANCY CAROLINA FOUNTAIN 0*-2	Yr of Birth 1831

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Sex Children (continued)

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6.	Name: GEORGE AMERICUS ROBINSON 6*-8	Spouse: SARAH (SALLY) ALICE IVEY 6*-62	NRIN: 8
----	Born: 26 OCT 1864	Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 3 DEC 1882	Place: MAY IVEY'S HOME, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 13 JAN 1938	Place: OMEGA, TIFT CO, GEORGIA	

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7.	Name: JOHN RICHARD ROBINSON 7*-9	Spouse: SARAH (SALLY) JANE RUTLAND 7*-68	NRIN: 9
----	Born: 21 MAR 1866	Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 25 JUL 1886	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 2 JUN 1926	Place: BIRMINGHAM HOSP, BIRMINGHAM, JEFFERSON CO, ALABAMA	

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8.	Name: JOSEPH DANIEL ROBINSON 8*-10	Spouse: MARY BLAKE JAMES 8*-84	NRIN: 11
----	Born: 29 MAR 1869	Place: CAT CREEK, NEAR VALDOSTA, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
M	Chr.:	Place:	
	Marr: 22 MAY 1898	Place: BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA	
	Died: 15 JAN 1941	Place: TIFTON HOSPITAL, TIFTON, TIFT CO, GEORGIA	

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parents' house, and looking up at the cheese, which was wrapped in cloth sacks for curing, hanging from the rafters.

It is unknown if David Shannon and Nancy Carolina joined a church while in the Cat Creek area. They were of the Primitive Baptist faith and it is believed that they attended Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church at Cat Creek, which had been constituted in June 1835. Nancy Carolina's brother, William E. Fountain, and his wife, Frances, were two of the first church members and they remained active in the church for their lifetimes.

David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's son, David Melton, joined Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church at Flat Creek on Sunday, December 1, 1872. The church was located five miles north of Nashville. The pastor was Henry Crawford Tucker, and W.H.S. Griner was church clerk. David Melton united with the church by experience at waterside ("The Griffen Papers" Vol. III, Tifton County Library). At this church is probably where James Hiram and David Melton met their future wives. James Hiram married Eliza Bennett on November 22, 1874. David Melton married Malissa Bennett, sister to Eliza, on July 11, 1875. On June 1, 1878, David Melton obtained his letter for dismissal from this church in order to move his membership to another church in the Oakey Grove area.

David Shannon and Nancy Carolina became grandparents when Joseph Milton Robinson, Sr. was born on September 13, 1875 to David Melton and Malissa. On April 2, 1877, a second child was born and named Nancy Martha (Mattie). These were the only grandchildren of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's born at Cat Creek.

## OAKEY GROVE HOMESTEAD

In the fall of 1877, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina moved from their farm at Cat Creek and relocated to the Oakey Grove area, where the Tifton-Nashville Road and Brookfield-Lenox Road intersect each other, near Tifton, Georgia. Eliza and Malissa's mother, Elizabeth Bennett, owned land at Oakey Grove and may have been living in the area (after her husband's death in 1864). David Shannon and Nancy Carolina moved their entire family: James Hiram and wife Eliza; David Melton, wife Malissa, children Joseph Milton, Sr. and Nancy Martha (Mattie); Sarah Ann; Nancy Martha; George Americus; John Richard; and Joseph Daniel. Their new home was twenty-six miles from Cat Creek, and the trip was made by a pair of ox and a cart, as remembered by Arlie Snyder Robinson and Aubrey Hand of Oakey Grove. (Aubrey recalls that his father had purchased this same ox yolk from the estate sale of David Shannon. It was accidentally destroyed, around 1945, while Aubrey was away in World War II. Aubrey's father was a neighbor to David Shannon at Oakey Grove).

On July 14, 1877, in anticipation of moving, David Shannon had purchased 200 acres of land on lot #468, District 6 from Thomas P. Baker for \$400 cash. This land is located in the southwest corner of the Tifton-Nashville and Brookfield-Lenox crossroads. James Hiram and his family settled on this same land in a house next to his parents (unknown if this house already existed). Later that year, on December 1, 1877, David Shannon purchased 245 acres (lot #499, District 6, Berrien County) from Elizabeth Bennett for \$100 cash. This land was directly south and adjacent to his existing farm.

David Melton and his family either lived with or near his parents. He later purchased the farm directly north and adjacent to his father's place. Their house, which was purchased with the

property, was approximately 1/2 mile north of the Brookfield-Lenox and Tifton-Nashville crossroads.

David Shannon's land contained a forest of virgin timber pine trees. He sold an abundance of this timber and over the years, it provided cash for his many business ventures. There was a saw mill on his property, but it is unclear if he sold timber for other people to saw or if he sold sawed lumber.

In 1878, a feud developed between David Shannon and his neighbor Harmon Baker, who lived on the adjacent farm to the west. Supposedly, Harmon paid \$10.00 to William Asbury (Berry) Bennett, brother to Eliza (Bennett) Robinson and Malissa (Bennett) Robinson, to set fire to David Shannon's (Eliza's and Malissa's father-in-law) house and buildings. Harmon felt this action would force David Shannon to sell his property which Harmon so much desired, because it was good farm land and adjacent to his farm and homestead. It was told that Harmon stood on his front porch and watched as one of David Shannon's barns burned. The arson attempt failed and resulted in extremely hard feelings between the Robinsons and Bakers.

In 1879, because of the feud, the Robinsons established a permanent landmark in the area by starting "The Robinson Cemetery," now known as "Oakey Grove Cemetery." This came about when Sarah Benafield, whom James Hiram and Eliza had adopted, died on March 2, 1879. Amy Welch, of Lenox, Georgia, recalled in July of 1984, how Sarah died. Sarah was working in the field, helping to burn corn stalks. Her dress accidentally caught fire and she was seriously burned. Sarah died the next day from the burns. Rather than utilizing the existing Baker Cemetery (1/4 mile west of Oakey Grove) which was adjoining David Shannon's property, the Robinsons decided to start a new cemetery after Harmon Baker refused to let Sarah be buried in the Baker Cemetery. The hostility that Harmon showed was due to the hard feelings created a year earlier. Sarah was buried at "The Robinson Cemetery," thus starting a new cemetery.

During the next eleven years, David Shannon and Nancy Carolina continued to farm, and their children married and settled around the Oakey Grove area and Lenox. By the end of 1890, all the children had left home, with Joseph Daniel being the last to leave.

David Shannon was very supportive of Oakey Grove Church. When their annual "big meeting" occurred, people traveled by horse and wagon for many miles to attend, usually arriving on a Thursday night. Church services were held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. David Shannon and Nancy always had church friends that stayed as house guests during this time. David Shannon always had plenty to eat for his guests and for the church crowd. He always prepared by having fresh meat from a hog and a cow, slaughtered especially for the event. The house guests were always treated to a drink of liquor before their meal. David Shannon would always give anyone that wanted it a drink of wine or whiskey that he had bought and stored in his liquor house. The liquor house was a room built at the end of his front porch. Although he was a good host, drinks were always limited to one per person.

David Shannon and Nancy were educated; they could read, write, and speak English (1900 Census Records, Berrien County, p. 687, Entry #751, 1146 G.M. District and a review of historical documents by the author). All of their children could also read, write, and speak English.

Proof of David Shannon's signature can be seen on various documents contained in this book. In his day, there were many people who still signed an "X" for their signature.

The large coverage of huge, oak trees surrounding David Shannon's homestead was a landmark at the crossroads. The author assumes the name "Oakey Grove" was given to this area because of the large grove of oak trees. Archie Tillman (A.T.) Robinson, Sr., son of Archie and Corrie Robinson, lived with his parents on the northwest side of the Oakey Grove crossroads (this was last known to the Robinson family as the Hubert and Vida Mae

(Robinson) Gay residence). A.T. recalls a big storm on Saturday, August 11, 1945, that destroyed the large grove of oaks at his great-great grandfather, David Shannon's place, on the southwest side of the Oakey Grove crossroads. The storm came about when A.T. and his brothers and sisters were about to leave for the movies in Tifton. A tornado touched down and the winds destroyed the grove of huge oak trees, by pulling them out of the ground. A.T. describes the oak trees as being so huge, that two adults would not be able to circle their arms around the tree trunk.

The children were still able to attend the movie, but only to have it interrupted by the movie being stopped. A person came out on the stage and announced that World War II had ended and that Japan had agreed to negotiate surrender terms with the Allied forces.

Exhibit 3-7A is a photograph of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina's original homestead at Oakey Grove. Exhibit 3-7B contains two photographs. These photographs belonged to Joseph Daniel Robinson and they were displayed in his house. The two photographs are tin type pictures (this technology was developed in 1856). They were hanging next to another tin type photograph, which was identified as David Shannon and Nancy Carolina in their later years (See Exhibit 2-2 and 2-3 [in previous chapter]). These two photographs were never identified, but in comparing them with other pictures of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina, it appears that these photographs are of them. The photograph of the couple was taken in approximately 1870 (guess based on age). The photograph of the man was taken in approximately 1900 (guess based on age). This man is holding an object with his left hand, which resembled one of David Shannon's family bibles (he had two bibles, one from his days at Cat Creek and one while living at Oakey Grove). His bible was encased in a wooden cover and the front cover had a hand-carved design (this bible was purchased at David Shannon's estate sale by Shelton Lindsey, of Tifton, Georgia for \$0.05).





David Shannon Robinson's original homestead at Oakey Grove. Originally, it was a log house with an open porch. In later years, the porch was enclosed and the house was covered with board siding. The original house was located diagonally across from Oakey Grove Church. The house was moved in 1976 to a new location approximately 3 miles east of Oakey Grove on Tifton and Nashville Highway. The chimney is missing in the photograph below because it was destroyed when the house was relocated. Photograph taken July 17, 1977. Originally, the house had a wood shingle roof. The roof was replaced with tin, as seen in the photograph.



Exhibit 3-7A





It is believed these photographs are of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina Robinson (See text for more information-page 46).

Exhibit 3-7B

## OAKEY GROVE CHURCH AND CEMETERY

Church services at Oakey Grove were first conducted underneath the shaded area of a large grape arbor located on land owned by David Melton Robinson. The land is located in Berrien County, Georgia on the Brookfield-Lenox and Nashville-Tifton crossroads.

The cemetery at Oakey Grove was first known as "The Robinson Cemetery." It was started on March 2, 1879, with the oldest grave being that of Sarah Benafield. Sarah was buried on the sandy hill next to the grape arbor. She was the adopted daughter of James Hiram and Eliza (Bennett) Robinson. James Hiram was the oldest son of David Shannon and Nancy Carolina Robinson. Sarah would have been buried at the Baker cemetery, but because of a feud between Harmon Baker and David Shannon Robinson a year earlier, Harmon Baker refused to let her be buried at the Baker Cemetery.

→ Exhibit 3-8

With the help of David and Nancy, other changes were occurring in the community of Oakey Grove. On February 22, 1890, David Shannon, Nancy, son David Melton, and wife Malissa met with others of the community for the purpose of constitution of a church. The records show that the following people were in attendance for the meeting (See Exhibits 3-8A through 3-8D):

David Shannon Robinson  
Nancy C. Robinson  
David Melton Robinson  
Malissa Robinson  
Elizia Baker  
Marthia Baker

Peter C. Lastinger  
Joaner Lastinger  
Elder Jacob Young  
Elder John Churchwell  
Fredonia Churchwell

During this first meeting, Elder John Churchwell was called upon to serve as the first preacher of Oakey Grove. During the third



This is the first grave that established the Robinson Cemetery (it later became known as Oakey Grove Cemetery). Sarah Benafield was the adopted daughter of James Hiram and Eliza (Bennett) Robinson.



State of Georgia Berrien County  
February 22 1890

We the Primitive Baptist  
Harrowing Met for the purpose of  
Constitution

Agree to keep House at this  
place for the Lord and all so a  
Gree to take the Old and New Testmen  
scriptures as the man of our Council  
and agree to live and to Love one  
a nother and if one dos do Wrong  
we agree to go to him and tell him  
of his Faults and not to talk about  
him to others

John Churchwell dropped from the role  
Fredonia Churchwell & December 26 1891

David S. Robertson

Mary Robertson

Wm Robertson

Malissa Raberson

Peter C. Laster Dismiss by Letter Nov 27 1891

Joaner S. Laster Dismiss by Letter Nov 27 1891

Marthia Baker

Elizua Baker

Dead

Elder Jacob Young

Elder John Churchwell

Presbytery

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCH

Old Key Grove Church

Berrien County Feb <sup>the</sup> 27 1890

After being constituted by motion  
of the church making Elder Jacob Young  
Moderator first invited Brothers  
of our Faith and Order to sit with us  
Second Opened the Door of the Church  
for the reception of members in any  
way the Gospel authorizes

~~1st~~ Third Being time to call a  
Preacher we unanimously called  
Elder John Church ~~with~~ a member  
of our body for the balance of  
this year the Church then elected  
Brother P. C. Laster Churches Clerk  
their being no other business we come  
to a close in Order Elder Jacob Young <sup>for</sup> Madera  
P. C. Laster

Churches Clerk

Oak Grove Church Barbier la

State of Geo March <sup>the</sup> 22 1890

Met in conference after preaching  
by Brother Esick Pritchard and Elder  
Churchwell

first invited all of our Faith and  
Order to seats with us

2 opened the Door of the Church for  
the reception of Members in any  
way the Gospel authorises their being  
no other Business the Church come  
to a close in order

Elder John Churchwell

Moderator

P. C. Gasteringer C=C

8  
Oakley Grove Church Apr<sup>th</sup> 27 1890

Berrien County State of Geo

Met in Conference after Singing  
and Prayr by Brother Dick Pritchard  
and Preaching by Elder R J Haul  
and closed by our beloved Brother  
Elder John Churchwell

1. invited all of our Faith and order  
to seats with us

2. the Dove of the Church being opened  
for the Reception of Members in  
any the Gospel Anatharises  
Recived sister

Mary Benoit by letter from  
the Turner Meeting House  
a Move and second made to Elect  
Brother David S Robertson to be  
Ordained as Deacon

and then a Move and second to  
Change our Time of Meeting  
from the Fourth to the Third  
Sunday and Saturday before  
their being no other Business  
we come to a close in Order

Elder John Churchwell  
Moderator  
P to Gastinger Co

THIRD MEETING AT CHURCH  
DAVID SHANNON ORDAINED AS FIRST DEACON



meeting, on April 27, 1890, David Shannon was asked to be the first Deacon for Oakey Grove Church. David Shannon was ordained as Deacon by brother Elder Young of the Brushey Creek Primitive Baptist Church on June 14, 1890. This action helped change the existing Arbor Church (a large shaded area underneath a grape arbor) to a permanent church to be called Oakey Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The church was built on land owned by David Melton (David Shannon's son) and wife Malissa Robinson. It is believed the first wooden structure for Oakey Grove Church was built sometime after 1879, but before the church was constituted in 1890. On January 11, 1894, David Shannon purchased 137 acres in lot #467, District 6 from his son, David Melton; Oakey Grove Church was located on this land.

On March 26, 1904, David Shannon donated twenty-five acres of land to the Oakey Grove Church and Cemetery. This land was part of that which David Shannon had purchased from his son, David Melton in 1894. David Shannon donated the 25 acres of land "in the consideration of the Love of the Dead and The Church of God." The following excerpt was taken from the original document; this is the reason for the grammar and spelling mistakes.

## LAND DEED

W. D.

D. S. ROBERTSON TO OAKY GROVE CHURCH AND SIMITARY  
STATE OF GEORGIA BERRIEN COUNTY

THIS INDENTURE MADE THIS 26 day of March in the year of our

Lord Nineteen Hundred and Four, between D.S. Robertson of the County of Berrien of the first part, and Oakey Grove Church and Simitary of the County of Berrien of the second part;  
WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the Love of the Dead and the Church of God. in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of the presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted, bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents does, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said party of the second part, to the officers of said Church and Simitary heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land lying or being in the County of Berrien said State, of Georgia (25) acres Twenty five more or less of lot of land No. 460 in the Sixth District County and State aforesaid Bounded by original lines on the East, by Nashville and Tifton public road on the south, by Brookfield and Sparks, public road on West, by a certain branch of the dividing line and North.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises together with all and singular rights, members and appurtenances thereof to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of said Church and Simitary with all timber and wood excepted the said party of the second part, them officers executors and administrators and assigns in fee simple. and the said party of the first part, his heirs executors and administrators the said bargained premises unto the said party of the second part the officers heirs executors administrators and assigns against said party of the first part, his heirs, executors administrators and all and every other person or persons shall and will warrant and forever defend by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of;

E.W. STRAWDER

B.F. LINDSEY N.P. & EXOFF J.P.

RRCORDED JULY 20th 1904.

D.S. ROBINSON (SEAL)

J.D. LOVETT C.S.C.

The first person to own the land on which Oakey Grove Church and Cemetery is located, was Benjamin Baker, the father of Harmon Baker. He owned 490 acres (lot #467 in District 6) in the 1870's. When Benjamin died, this lot of land went to the heirs of his estate, which was Harmon Baker and all his brothers and sisters. Then the estate sold it to Lacy E. Lastinger on July 4, 1882 for \$55. Lacy Lastinger sold it to John Richard Robinson on January 14, 1886 for \$150 cash. John Richard Robinson then sold it to David Melton Robinson for \$300 cash on September 2, 1889. Then, as mentioned earlier, in 1894, 137 acres of this lot was sold to David Shannon Robinson. David Shannon, in 1904, donated 25 acres of this land to his beloved church.

Joseph Milton Robinson, Jr. recalls that Preacher Gibbs ("Babe Gibbs") served Oakey Grove around 1910 and served there for at least 5 or 6 years. Preacher Gibbs lived west of Tifton.

In 1915, the church community decided to build a new wooden church. By September 29, 1915, the following people had donated \$660, and the old church house building had been sold for \$51, totaling \$711, which was available for use to build a new structure. (Today this structure is still standing and used for services). The people donating to the new church and the amounts donated were as follows:

Chester A. Baker	\$ 25.00	A. A. Hogan	\$ 5.00
Harmon C. Baker	250.00	G. D. Baker	10.00
F. B. Gray	10.00	L. C. Johnson	10.00
David Melton Robinson	100.00	Walter Gray	2.00
George M. Americus Robinson	56.00	Jessie McMilie	25.00
Joseph Daniel Robinson	20.00	T. C. Gray	25.00
Alten Dan Doronley	12.00	J. D. C. Smith	10.00
Joseph Milton Robinson	25.00	Whitlies	30.00
William David Robinson	35.00	J. A. Griner	10.00
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		Total	\$660.00

These contributions were noted in David Shannon's ledger (See Exhibit 3-9). Harmon C. Baker was the largest contributor of funds for building the church, but in later years, the members of the church gave him the back the money he had donated. The new church was constructed sometime between 1916-1918.

Leonard McMillan, along with the help of Joseph Milton Robinson, Jr., took the responsibility for cutting down the pine trees that stood on the church property and cutting them into lumber with a saw mill that he set up on church property. The lumber was then hauled to Tifton for planing to standard size for building. Leonard was responsible for building the church.

George Melton Americus Robinson, David Shannon's son, took the responsibility of putting on the roof. The new roof was made from single type wooden shingles. The money to pay for the roof came from revenue generated from the turpentine that had been collected from the timber that had been standing on the 25 acres of church property.

In 1916, Charlie Howard Robinson, grandson of David Shannon, set out several oak trees around the church. Arlie Snyder Robinson, great grandson of David Shannon, recalls that the trees were small in size and that they had their tops tied in a bundle upon arrival at the church. Snyder guesses the trees were transplanted from New River.

At the annual Robinson Reunion in 1973, held at Oakey Grove Church, the Robinsons decided to look into purchasing a marker for the entrance of the church. It's purpose would be telling of the Robinson's history and their relationship to the church's property. During the year, John Russell and Hilda Robinson looked into the cost of the marker and carried out all of the arrangements. John Snyder Robinson gathered the information to be placed on the marker. The marker was purchased for \$729.00.

After the business meeting at the reunion on July 15, 1974, everyone gathered outside for the marker dedication (See Exhibit 3-10 for photograph of Oakey Grove Church and the marker). President, John Snyder Robinson (great-great grandson of David

Paid on church Sept. 29, 1915

Chester A Baker		25 00
H C Baker	2	50 00
F B Gray		10 00
W M Robinson	1	00 00
J M Robinson		56 00
Alton Dan Donovney		12 00
J A Spriner		10 00
W D Robinson		35 00
Jessie McMillie		25 00
J M Robinson		25 00
A A Hogan		40 00
J D Baker		10 00
J C Johnson		10 00
Walter Gray		2 00
J D Robinson		20 00
J D E Smith		10 00
J Whittles		30 00
Old House		51 00
J C Gray		25 00

28640

7 1 100  
 7 5 443  
~~11 6 500~~

Charlie Robinson		
Chester W Robinson	+	186 05
money		33 50
13 sacks of 3 years		42 25
1 some ones for pigs		12 00
money for William		11 50
hairing		7 00
money		5 00
money		3 25
money		16 00
money		1 75
money for dog	+	1 00





OAKLEY GROVE CHURCH



John Robinson



Jo, Bonnie  
Vickie, Debbie  
Robinson

Shannon Robinson), presided and the dedication was given by David Robinson of Lenox, great grandson of David Shannon Robinson. He made the following remarks:

"As Lincoln said in his Gettysburg address, we cannot dedicate, consecrate, hallow this ground. Those who sleep here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. Oakey Grove Church was constituted some 84 years ago, on February 22, 1890, with the elder John Churchwell as its first pastor. David S. Robinson was ordained as its first deacon on June 14, 1890. He donated the thirty acres of land upon which this church and cemetery now stand. Since Oakey Grove Church was of great significance to David S. Robinson, his immediate family, and their descendants, we felt it fitting that a permanent marker be established, attesting to the origin and early history of the church. So today, it is in memory of David S. Robinson and his descendants, many of whom rest here, with him in the shadow of the Church he loved so well, that we dedicate this granite marker."

On July 17 and 18, 1993, we celebrated the 30th. annual Robinson reunion, by meeting at the church with a fish fry on Saturday and Sunday having a reunion meeting followed by lunch.

The celebration was highlighted by having a bound proof copy of The Robinson Family History Book being issued in honor of the 30th. anniversary. I made a final commitment to finalize any additional information and to organize the data in a book format.

## THE CROSSROADS STORE AT OAKEY GROVE

Another major event occurred at the crossroads of Oakey Grove in 1890. David Shannon established a General Merchandise Store and was the local area cotton broker. In addition to operating his store and cotton gin, he later expanded these businesses by adding a livery stable and a blacksmith shop. He was also the local fertilizer agent and loaned money to the local farmers in the community. The stores were located at the crossroads, where two roads intersected each other. One road went from Nashville to Tifton and the other went from Lenox to Brookfield. It was the perfect location for all of these businesses.

David Shannon's cotton gin was operated by three of his sons. James Hiram was the fireman, John Richard was the master mechanic, and Joseph Daniel was the ginner. The cotton gin was operated by a steam boiler, and a mule under the gin went around and around to pack the cotton. In approximately 1885, when Joseph Daniel was around 16 years old, he was involved in an accident at the cotton gin. He tripped and fell across the seed auger. John Richard heard his brother yelling so he cut off the engine driving the auger. This fall resulted in injuries to Joseph Daniel. He got the end of his nose and the fingertips on his left hand cut off, as well as cutting his arm and upper lip. His arm bled severely and Dr. Goodman from Sparks rode a horse out to provide him with medical attention. In later life, Joseph Daniel wore a mustache to cover the scar on his upper lip.

During the decade of 1890, this area was very active, and David Shannon was greatly involved in supplying the needs of the Oakey Grove community. The following lists are excerpts taken from the credit ledger (started on January 1, 1891) of David Shannon's store. The first list shows some of the items



purchased on credit from his store. The following list shows some of the ways David Shannon received payments for the credit he extended to the community. David Shannon's book of 1891 shows the accounts maintained by David Shannon's sons David Melton, James Hiram, and John Richard, his son-in-law, Jackson James Baker (Nancy Martha's husband), and his daughter-in-law Eliza Bennett (James Hiram's wife) (See Exhibit 3-11A through 3-11E for copies of the credit ledger).

#### Items Purchased on Credit

1 lb. tobacco	\$ .45	1 lb. candy	.20
18 sheeting	1.52	1 tin bucket	.20
1 bat paper	.40	5 spools thread	.25
2 plugs tobacco	.20	1 bottle linament	.25
1 pare shoes	1.50	1 pare pants	1.50
2 yards fringe	.14	1 pare specks case	.25
1 yard lace	.12	1 pare shoes	1.10
9 bed ticking	1.35	18 lbs. cotton seed	2.77
50 lbs flour	2.00	3 balls potash	.30
1 soda	.05	1 glass	.15
6 box snuff	.25	1 case matches	.10
2 lbs coffee	.50	5 bars soap	.25
- spice & peppers	.10	- ink and paper	.20
15 lbs rice	1.00	6 yards pant cloth	1.20
1 box mustard	.20	6 lbs soap grease	.24
1 lady hat	1.10	1 bottle castor oil	.10
1 dish	.20	1 healing pleastear	.25
5 bushel corne	5.25	11 1/2 lbs meat	1.15
1 pare spenders	.25	1 gal sirup	.50
1 bolt cloth	3.96	53 lbs beafe	1.59
money	15.00	56 lbs bacon	4.52
borrowed money	.10	4 lbs lard	.32
2 fish	-	2 set hinges	.50

The above were only a few of the items extracted from David Shannon's ledger of January 1, 1891 from his General Merchandising Store, located at the crossroads of Oakey Grove. (This was not his first ledger, since the 1891 ledger referenced balances being carried over for some of his customers).

\* The above spelling appears as it was in the ledger.

Brown of

D. S. Robinson

Jan 1st 1891

David Shannon Robinson's credit ledger  
for his General Merchandise store and  
other businesses at the crossroads of  
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Exhibit 3-11A

Living 3800

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# J m Robinson

0	0	Carried from page 93	7	9
0	0	24 lbs Coffee @ Box snuff	12	7
5	5	16 lbs flour	6	6
5	5	Jun 11 Soda & tobacco	1	00
0	0	Summers	6	0
0	0	1 Bottle Cold cream	1	7
0	0	June 11 1 plug tobacco to Joe	1	2
5	5	18 lbs flour Candy	7	7
5	5	" 20 flour & starch	7	6
5	5	Summers	42	7
		1 Spindle Thread		
	7683	100 lbs Beef	35	0
		1 lbs tobacco	4	0
		Par Easter	20	0
		1 1/2 Coffee @ Box snuff	7	7
		2 lbs tobacco @ Box snuff	12	5
		meat	24	0
		Summers	37	9
		3 Balls potast	2	5
		Summers	22	9
		8 lbs Coffee @ price	15	6
		2 Pring Buttons Salt	2	5
		2 papers seed	1	0
		1 Beef	60	0
		7 lbs Rice	4	6
		Aug 21 Tobacco & Snuff	1	25
		5 lbs saltstone	8	0
		6 lbs corn meal & starch	15	0
		3 lbs flour & soap	3	87
		1 lbs tobacco	4	0
		1 lb Lister	9	6
		flour	8	0
		Grinding	10	5
		wash pans	3	0
		2 hats	17	9

J W Robinson

1 bot	4	4	
Coffee 2 bottles Drops	4	5	
1 bottle Biting Cure	10	0	
Giving	105	2	
Giving	68	6	
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82 flour & soda	18	3	
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Debit on Bank	326	0	
Scissors	13	5	
Watches	2	5	
Goods	89	2	
summers	26	2	
By Goodman	20	0	
By Cash	20	0	
1 Bill	156	8	
1 Bill off Goods	141	4	
By Cash thirty			30
1 Bushel meal	12	0	
fat	3	0	
1 Bill Goods	389	9	
order By currency	7	5	
2004 fodder	25	0	
252 fodder	25	2	
13 Bushel Corn 90 per	117	0	
By Wiley scott	12	0	
2016 fodder	28	6	
By Cash			10
By Cash ten			30
By Cash thirty			30
1 Bill By minton	203	4	
210 lbs fodder	21	0	
5 By minton Corn	50	0	
By minton ten			10
5 By minton Corn	50	0	
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# Lize Bennett

1	4	Summers	93	0
4	5	10 lb tobacco	2	50
	0	10 Box snuff	2	50
	2	Coffee	5	00
		Table cloth	8	00
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		21 Ches 6 Box snuff	17	50
		By Cash 6 Box snuff		
		Tobacco 5 lb	3	
		cloth & Sport ext	8	
		1 Dollar By Cashinger	1	
		4 Box matches		
		30 lb flour 1 Box snuff	1	
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		sept 4 Bot Diet on Bank	19	25
		Coffee 12 snuff	7	50
		2 tobacco 1 third Quarter	2	50
		1 pair shoes	4	50
		1/2 lb meat	1	
		Soup	1	00
		1 Bot more 2 Box snuff	6	00
		1 Box mustard	2	
		15 lb meat	18	00
		4 year curdard	17	50
		4 year pickel	3	00
		1 Box pills 3 Box snuff	21	00
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		Dine on Bank	12	00
		Shawnt plug tobacco	4	
		Dine on Bank	2	00
		By Cash		
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		Summers	63	50
		52 Ches	38	00
		flour & Coffee	20	
		Summers	9	00
		30 lb flour	10	00
		40 lb coffee	10	00



D M Robinson

Due on Back 898 7

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2 yor pencil 1 0

32 lbs flour 12 2

2 Bales Cotton Ginning 63 5

2 lbs Tobacco 1 Bottle Kity 19 0

2 saddle case twisted Buttons 2 5

1 pair boots 1 0

2 lbs Tobacco 19 5

1 hat 4 0

1 Box Caps 1 0

summers 6 3

12 lbs nails 5 that 2 5

1 Thread 5 1

2 lbs Tobacco 9 9

By malisey 528 8

1 Box files 2 5

2 Soda 1 jug 2 5

Due on Back 374 1

4 lbs Coffee & Tobacco 19 5

2 Thread 1 0

summers 60 5

1 Spence knives 5 5

3 pens holders 3 Bally 1 5

3 packs Biscuits crackers 1 5

in 2 pens 1 6

4 lbs Tobacco 25 0

flour & ~~the~~ Rice 13 0

summers 17 9

4 lbs Coffee & pencil, Thread 15 3

6 Box snuff & seeds 3 2

4 lbs Tobacco flour 9 5

21 lbs flour 8 0

# J. J. Popper

Due on Camp	511 0	
By Marthe	40 2	
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Due on Books	18 8	
ates	9 0	
By lumber		2 25
12 Chea, Dada	4 4	
1 Prayer Strap	2 4	
3 Thread	1 6	
22 lbs flour <sup>2 jars</sup> & snuff	1 6	
1 But magic oil (Not elect)	7 9	
9 Balls potash	7 5	
1 cutit oil <sup>Cones</sup> Perrygaric	4 0	
1 Bottle magic oil	5 0	
2 Supp. 1 Box pills	3 0	
iers potato	1 5	
paper invelopes	1 0	
summers	4 5	
1 Box snuff 1/2 Gallon Rum	12 0	
1 Bly flour	3 0	
6 Sacks guano	144 0	
Cash By Marthe		1 15
1 Box snuff to children	0 5	
2 pair shoes	18 0	
12 Box matches	1 0	
30 Jones	7 1	
3 Dressing 2 1/2 price	4 7	
seed in 2 paper pints	6 0	
1 pair shoes 2 style	15 0	
cloth & 1/2 read	8 7	
25 lbs nails	10 0	
By Marthe	3 0	6
3 rolls search horse pad	5 0	
Bed lifting		5
pills Dada Perrygaric Cones	5 9	
pills Dada	3 5	



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1 pair shoes 195  
 2 lbs coffee 100  
 flour 245  
 1 Box Cops 1 lb shot 25  
 on pipe & 1 plug tobacco 0  
 14 lbs shot 15  
 1 pair shoes 140  
 26 lbs flour 100  
 6 yard Chen 1 lb tobacco 64  
 1 pair shoes for Perry  
 Sundress 50  
 Sundress 45  
 Sardines to Perry 10  
 2 Snuff matches & thread 20  
 1 pipe 25  
 26 lbs meat 234  
 1 handkerchief 15  
 6 yard Cotton ade 135  
 1 pair Drawers thread 40  
 3 Box Sardines 25  
 1 plug tobacco 5  
 2c Jones 1 plug tobacco  
 1 Box Snuff 1 plug tobacco 25  
 1 yard Cotton ade 25  
 1 Baby Buttons 15  
 1 hat 100  
 20 Chen 15  
 prairie 20  
 meat 215  
 1 Short 3 prairie 109  
 1 Collar 1 tie 2 thread 53  
 Perry 1 Shag 1 Collar 1 hat  
 1 hat 1 pair Splendary meat 105  
 2 Box snuff 10  
 1 pair shoes 175  
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Aug 16	By meat		
" "	flour	1 00	420
" "	1/2 Lb Tobacco	40	
	1 Pills	25	
	1 lb Soda 6 Box snuff	35	
	1 pair shoes 2 yard blotting	38	
	1 pair splenders	25	
	1 Bussel Corn		100
	1 Shurt <sup>H</sup> 4 pairs buttons	60	
	1 lb Tobacco 19 lb flour	102	
2-11	lb Beaf	82	
4-11	lb Coffee	100	
	6 Box snuff 1 pair splenders	40	
	1 pair shoes	130	
30	lb flour	100	
	1 Bussel	40	
	By soap	187	
	1 lb tobacco 1 Gallon	65	
	By Cash		15
	6 Box snuff 1 Bot soap	75	
31	lb meat	38	
	1 Box pills 1/2 Beaf	67	
	By picking cotton	110	
	By work		69
	By money	160	
	1 lb tobacco	50	
	6 Chea 1 handkerchief	52	
	3 yard Jones	134	
	6 Box snuff 1 Blacping	30	
	1 handkerchief	10	
	Barred money	50	
	1 Ball potato 1 lb Tobacco 1 sac salt	100	
	1 pair shoes	140	
	1 lb Beaf	63	

### Methods By Which Accounts Were Paid

4 dais work	3.00
credit for rice	2.50
credit for hog	12.00
16 lbs lard	1.60
6 lbs fried meat grease	.75
20 bushels corn	25.00
by seed	1.60
by seed	1.35
55 lbs beafe	1.93
1 1/2 galons sirup	.39
by cotton	1.62
half day work	.30
1 1/4 bushel meal	1.25
1 axe and handle	.80
one bushel seed oats	.75
for hauling cotton	1.10

\*The spelling has not been corrected.

Joseph Milton Robinson, Jr. remembers that David Shannon sometimes went to Albany, Georgia, to get supplies for his crossroads store. He would drive his single ox and cart to Albany, which took two very long days to go one way.

About 1895, David Shannon, at age 65, decided it was time to retire and dispose of his businesses. He divided them up and gave the livery stable and blacksmith shop to James Hiram, the cotton gin to John Richard, and the General Merchandising Store to Joseph Daniel. The sons moved these businesses to Lenox, Georgia, where these businesses continue to operate successfully. Arlie Snyder Robinson recalled (in 1983) that James Hiram had 30 sets of horses at the Oakey Grove crossroads and that he moved them to Lenox when he moved the livery stable to land behind the Lenox Hotel.

Later, John Richard took over operations of the General Merchandising Store, and Joseph Daniel was very instrumental in obtaining from the state of Georgia, a charter which allowed the Bank of Lenox to be formed. David Shannon's son, David Melton,

took over the fertilizer business after his death (See Exhibit 3-12 for a price list of fertilizer from 1919).

**PRICE LIST, SPRING SEASON, 1919**  
**CHATTAHOOCHEE FERTILIZER COMPANY**  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

Brand Name	Analysis	Delivered Basis Price Terms as below
Chattahoochee Fertilizer	12-2-1	\$48.50
" "	11-2-1	47.75
" "	10-1-1	38.75
" "	10-1-2	45.00
" "	10-1-3	51.25
" "	10-2-1	46.75
Gold Medal Meal Guano	10-2-2	53.00
Chattahoochee Fertilizer	10-3-1	54.75
" "	10-3-2	60.75
" "	9-1-2	44.25
" "	9-2-1	46.00
" "	9-2-2	52.00
Old Reliable Fish	9-2-3	58.25
Chattahoochee Fertilizer	9-3-2	60.00
" Fish Guano	8-2-2	51.25
" Fertilizer	8-1-3	49.50
" "	8-3-2	59.00
Chattahoochee Ammoniated Comp.	12-1-0	34.50
" "	12-2-0	42.50
" "	12-3-0	50.25
" "	12-4-0	58.25
" "	11-1-0	33.50
" "	11-2-0	41.50
" "	11-3-0	49.50
" "	11-4-0	57.25
" "	10-2-0	40.75
" "	10-3-0	48.50
" "	10-4-0	56.50
" "	9-3-0	47.75
" "	9-4-0	55.50
" "	8-4-0	54.75
Chattahoochee Bone and Potash	9-0-3	42.50
" "	10-0-2	37.00
" "	11-0-1	31.75
" "	12-0-2	38.75
Chattahoochee Top Dresser	6-6-0	68.75
" "	4-8-0	82.75
" "	5-10-0	99.50
Chattahoochee Acid Phosphate	16%	27.50
" "	14%	26.00

Exhibit 3-12

**TERMS:** The prices given above are neither Cash nor Time prices—they are **BASIS PRICES**, upon which Time or Cash payments are to be calculated in the following manner:

(a) For cash settlement on May 1, 1919, the Company will allow the customer a discount of 5% flat from **BASIS PRICES** named above.

For cash payments prior to May 1, 1919, an additional cash discount at rate of 6% per annum will be allowed from date of such payment to May 1, 1919.

(b) Time settlements to be made by the customer to the Company with the customer's negotiable note, bearing interest on above **BASIS PRICES** at the rate of 6% per annum from May 1, 1919, to date of payment.

**NOTE:** These prices are subject to change at any time, should any unforeseen contingencies make it advisable to do so.

## THE LAST YEARS OF DAVID SHANNON

Before the turn of the century, about 1895, David Shannon gave all of his businesses to his sons. He continued to buy and sell farmland in the Oakey Grove vicinity, as a way of investing and making money.

On February 16, 1898, David Shannon invested in two blocks of land in Lenox (Blocks C and D, lot #103, District 9), which he purchased from James D. Kinard. His son, Joseph Daniel had encouraged this investment, hoping that his parents would move to Lenox. This would make it easier for him to take care of them in their elder years. David Shannon and Nancy never did move to Lenox. They stayed at Oakey Grove and David Shannon continued raising cows. Arlie Snyder Robinson, in 1981, recalled David Shannon as having cattle pins for cow roundups. David Shannon constructed the pins at the crossroads after the businesses were moved.

Today, the Robinsons still remain on the original land in Lenox that was purchased by David Shannon. Joseph Daniel built a log house and a new house on this land, and the latter was occupied by his daughter, Emma Alice (Robinson) Austin, until her death. Also, his son's, Joseph Leonard Robinson, home sits on some of this original property.

On January 24, 1902, David Shannon lost his beloved wife, Nancy Carolina. She died at seventy-one years and one month of age. She was placed to rest near her adopted grandchild at Oakey Grove Cemetery.

David remarried on November 13, 1902 to Mrs. Martha (Byrd) (Dearing) Avera (See Exhibit 3-13 for Family Group Record #2, 3-14A for Marriage License, and 3-14B for family bible records). Martha A. Byrd was born March 4, 1840. Her first husband was G. C. Dearing and they had one son, George Dearing. Her second husband was an Avera and David Shannon was her third husband.

Husband: DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON 0\*-1

Born: 30 JUL 1835 Place: ELLENTON, BARNWELL CO, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 Chr.: Place: OAKY GROVE, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Marr: 13 NOV 1902 Place: HER SON'S HOME, GEORGE DEARING  
 Died: 20 MAY 1918 Place: HIS HOME, NEAR OAKY GROVE, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Bur.: 1918 Place: OAKY GROVE, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Father: JOHN ROBINSON 0\*-3404 Mother: NANCY RAY 0\*-3405  
 Other wives: NANCY FOUNTAIN-2

Parents' MRIN: 1396

Wife: MARTHA A. BYRD DEARING AVERA 0\*-11

Born: 4 MAR 1840 Place:  
 Chr.: Place:  
 Died: 15 SEP 1922 Place:  
 Bur.: 1922 Place: OAKY GROVE, TIFT-NASH HWY, BERRIEN CO, GEORGIA  
 Father: NATHAN W. BYRD \*REF 3\*-2792 Mother: ELLEN GAY \*REF 3\*-2793  
 Other husbands:

Parents' MRIN: 1126

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

Phone: 813-937-2719

**STATE OF GEORGIA, BERRIEN COUNTY.**

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

You are hereby authorized to join D. S. Robinson and Martha A. Avery in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your License. And you are hereby required to return this License to me, with your Certificate hereon of the fact and date of the Marriage.

Given under my hand and seal this 12

day of Nov

1898

A. W. Patterson

(L. S.)

Ordinary.

**CERTIFICATE.**

**STATE OF GEORGIA, BERRIEN COUNTY:**

I certify that

D. S. Robinson

and

Martha A. Avery

were joined in matrimony by me this

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C. E. Crainley

A. W. Patterson

Ordinary.

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."



**This Certifies**

THAT THE RITE OF

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

*David S Robinson of the one part*  
*and M. A. Surca of the other part*  
*on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1902 at G C Dearing*  
*by P<sup>r</sup>essor Crawley of Tipton*

**Witness:**

*Carroll Strawder*



There were no children from either of these marriages. David and Martha were married at her son, George's, house. Arlie Snyder Robinson remembers his father, William David Robinson, telling of how he used to go with his grandfather, David Shannon, to hold David Shannon's horses while he courted Martha. At that time, William David was approximately 22 years old.

In 1908, David Shannon had to deal with his son, James Hiram's, "scrape" with the law. This led to David Shannon posting bond for his release from jail and later resulting in Hiram's disappearance (For additional information, see Chapter V, "James Hiram Robinson").

David Shannon continued living at his Oakey Grove crossroads homestead and stayed active in buying and selling land. During his 58 years in Berrien County, David purchased and partially disposed of at least 2,394 acres (See Exhibit 3-15 for a listing of land purchased by David Shannon and Nancy Carolina). *A and B*

David Shannon died on Monday, May 20, 1918. His last will and testimony requested that his estate be liquidated by Joseph Daniel Robinson, the executor appointed by David Shannon in his will. Joseph Daniel carried out his father's wishes by having a big estate auction sale. Everything was sold, which came to a total of \$8,000.

David Shannon was buried at Oakey Grove Cemetery next to his first wife Nancy Carolina. David Shannon's second wife, Martha died on September 15, 1922, and she was buried at Oakey Grove Cemetery two graves south of David Shannon. Martha was not buried next to David Shannon because her grave site had been taken by mistake in 1919. When Joseph Daniel's youngest son, Ezekiel Gallaway Robinson, died in 1919, Joseph Daniel instructed his son Joseph Leonard, age 12, to go to Oakey Grove and prepare a grave for his brother. Joseph Leonard wanted his baby brother to be as close to his grandfather, David Shannon, as possible because Joseph Leonard loved his grandfather very much. Without any more thought, Joseph Leonard dug the grave for his brother

**LAND PURCHASED BY  
DAVID SHANNON & NANCY CAROLINA  
ROBINSON**

1. Rented farm land in Lowndes County, Georgia. Address: Valdosta, Georgia. 1860 Census Report dated June 28, 1860. 663rd. District, 66th. page, Dwelling and Family No. 462.
2. 60 acres of lot 373, District 10, purchased from James J. Fountain and Sobrina Fountain on November 12, 1860 for \$\_\_\_\_ (Book Z, page 389). David and Nancy Robinson's first land purchase at Cat Creek.
3. 212.5 acres of lot 365, District 10, purchased from James F. Goodson on January 10, 1871 for \$\_\_\_\_ (Book 29, page 306).
4. 490 acres of lot 364, District 10, purchased from Jesse C. Darsey on December 24, 1874 for \$250 cash (Book E, page 222).
5. 200 acres of lot 468, District 6, purchased from Thomas P. Baker on July 14, 1877 for \$400 cash (Book H, page 429). David and Nancy Robinson's first land purchase at Oakey Grove.
6. 245 acres of lot 499, District 6, purchased from Elizabeth Bennett on December 1, 1877 for \$100 cash (Book H, page 430). Elizabeth was the mother of Eliza and Malissa Bennett who married James Hiram and David Melton Robinson, respectively, the sons of David Shannon.
7. 100 acres of lot 511, District 6, from Zachariah Baker on Nov. 23, 1885 for \$\_\_\_\_ cash (Book \_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_).
8. 150 acres of lot 41 and 42, District 9 from George Melton Robinson (George Americus).
9. 70 acres of lot 502, District 6 from H.C. Baker.
10. 25 acres of lot 495, District 6 from Elizabeth Watson's estate purchased at public auction for \$60 cash (Book O, page 475).
11. 125 acres of lot 510, District 6 from H.A. Lastinger, Jr. on November 23, 1892.
12. 137 acres of lot 467, District 6 from David Melton Robinson on January 11, 1894.
13. 210 acres of lot 8, District 9 from J.S. Carter on March 3, 1894 for \$19.25 (Book Q, page 442).
14. 45 acres of lot 466, District 6 from Joseph Wilson on March 2, 1895 for \$\_\_\_\_ cash (Book Y, page 465).

15. 100 acres, southeast corner of lot 471 between lot line and Ready Creek, District 6. He sold this for \$400; the only record located is of selling this property. The purchase date is not known.
16. 125 acres of lots 468 and 499, District 6 from Joseph Daniel Robinson on October 13, 1896 (100 acres on lot 468 and 25 acres on lot 499).
17. Blocks "C" and "D" of lot 103 in Lenox, Georgia District 9 from E. F. Kinard on February 16, 1898.
18. 25 acres of lot 503, District 6 from Flem B. Gray on November 7, 1899.
19. 25 acres of lot 510, District 6 from Easter Bennett on December 24, 1901. Easter is the sister to Eliza and Malissa Bennett (Reference #6 above).
20. 50 acres of lot 510, District 6 from J.W. Walker on January 4, 1902.

Total acreage (purchased and sold)= 2,394 acres

The above list may not be complete. A thorough search has not been carried out on all the land sold and purchased by David Shannon Robinson.

right next to David Shannon's grave, not leaving a space for Martha.

## WILL OF DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON

.....Last Will and Testament of David S. Robinson.....

I, David Robinson of this state and county, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

Item First.

I wish my Executor, as soon as possible after my death to pay all my debts, and if a sale of property shall be necessary I wish him to select for sale that which can be most advantageously used for that purpose; and I authorize him to sell the same at public or private sale as he may see fit.

Item Second,

I desire my Executor as soon as practical after my death to convert my entire estate consisting of real estate and personal property of every character, into cash, and I authorize him to sell same at public or private sale as in his discretion shall seem proper.

Item Third.

I give to my beloved wife, Martha A. Robinson, the sum of Eight hundred dollars (\$ 800,00) in cash to be derived from the sale of my property, to be placed in the care and charge of my Executor and in some good and solvent bank upon interest at the best rate of interest obtainable; I desire and request that my said Executor pay to my said wife from said funds the sum of twenty five dollars quarterly during her natural life, and that at the time of the death of my said wife, after paying the doctor bill during her last illness and her funeral expenses, the remainder of the said \$800,00, if any, be paid to my heirs, herein after named, share and share alike.

Item Fourth;

I request that my Executor as soon as practical after converting my estate into cash, and after paying my debts and deducting the sum \$800,00 for my said wife, distribute the remainder to my heirs, as follows; David M. Robinson, Sarah Baker, Martha Cannington, George M. Robinson, John R. Robinson, and Josoph D. Robinson, share and share alike.

Iten Fifth.

I do hereby appoint Joseph D. Robinson Executor of this last will, and in the event that he is unable to qualify for any cause, I then appoint David M. Robinson as my executor, with bondin terms of the law, in such cases made and provided.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 29th day of August, 1917.

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Signed and published by David S. Robinson as his last Will and testament in the presence of the undersigned, who subscribe our names here to as witnesses at the instance and request of the said testator, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

This the 29th day of August, 1917.

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See Exhibit 3-16A and 3-16B for a copy of the original will with David Shannon's signature.

State of Georgia, Berrien County;

..... Last Will and Testament of David S. Robinson.....

I, David S. Robinson of said State and county, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me.

Item First.

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\$ 800,00 for my said wife, distribute the remainder to my heirs, as follows; David M. Robinson, Sarah Baker, Martha Cannington, George M. Robinson, John R. Robinson and Joseph D. Robinson, share and share alike. Item Fifth.

I do hereby appoint Joseph D. Robinson Executor of this my last Will, and in the event that he is unable to qualify for any cause, I then appoint David M. Robinson as my executor, with bond in terms of the law, in such cases made and provided.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 29th day of August, 1917.

David S. Robinson

Signed and published by David S. Robinson as his last Will and testament in the presence of the undersigned, who subscribe our names here to as witnesses at the instance and request of the said testator, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

This the 29th day of August, 1917.

W. E. T. ...  
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**ESTATE OF DAVID SHANNON ROBINSON**  
**1918**

This was taken from the original document; this is the reason for the grammar and spelling mistakes.

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Georgia, Berrien County.

To the Hon. J. I. Norwood, Ordinary of said County.

The petition of J. M. Robinson, respectfully shows the following facts:

1st.

That on the 21st. day of June, 1916, D. S. Robinson, of said county made and executed to your petitioner a bond for title, a copy of which is hereto attached as Exhibit A. wherein he obligated himself to make to petitioner good and sufficient title in fee simple to one hundred and twenty five acres of lot of land No. 449, in the 6th. land district of said county, upon the payment of three certain prommissory notes as follows; one for \$233.33 due Nov. 1st. 1916, one due Nov. 1st. 1917 for \$233.33 and one for \$233.33 due Nov. 1st. 1918.

2nd.

That on the 20th. day of May 1918, the said D. S. Robinson died, and at the June term of \_\_\_\_\_ 1918, of the Court of Ordinary of Berrien County, and order was passed declaring J. D. Robinson Executor of the last will and testament of D. S. Robinson.

3rd.

That petitioner has paid all of the purchase money due on said land except \$700.00 which amount petitioner stands ready to pay with interest thereon at any time the executor J. D. Robinson, by order of the Court, executes his deed in accordance with said bond and the order of the Court.

4th.

Petitioner further shows that the heirs at law of D. S. Robinson are D. M., G. M., J. R., and J. D. Robinson, and Mrs. Sarah Baker, and Mrs. Martha Cannington, each and all of whom are of full age and are residents of said county.

5th.

Petitioner shows that no deed has been made to him in pursuance of said bond, and he brings this petition asking the Court for a proper order, after due notice to the said executor and the said heirs, requiring said executor to make said deed in terms of said bond, and the obligation of said D. S. Robinson, therein set out and made.

J. M. Robinson,  
Petitioner.

Georgia, Berrien County.

J. M. Robinson having made application to the Ordinary to require to be made to a certain tract of land fully described in the bond attached to the application, which bond purports to have been signed by D. S. Robinson, late of said county, deceased, the application alleging that said land has been fully paid for, now therefore, the heirs and all parties concerned are hereby notified that said application will be heard before the Court of Ordinary for said county on the first Monday in September, 1918.

J. I. Norwood,  
Ordinary.

State of Georgia, Berrien County.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS; That D. S. Robinson, of the county and state aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto J. M. Robinson, his heirs and assigns, in the penal sum of \$800.00 for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, to bind his heirs, executors and assigns and administrators, jointly and firmly by these presents. Signed with his hand and sealed with his seal, this the 21st. day of June, 1916.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound D. S. Robinson, has this day agreed to sell the said J. M. Robinson, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and

being in the Sixth district of said county, one hundred and twenty five acres, more or less, of lot No. 499, bounded as follows, on the North starting at agreed corner of fish pond dam, running around the edge of and to the run of a flat, then up said flat to agreed corner and Brookfield and Sparks road, thence up said road to an agreed line, thence agreed line to an agreed corner, and east agreed line south by dividing lot line and west by an agreed line to starting point, for the sum 1916; \$233.33 Nov. 1st. 1917, \$233.33 Nov. 1st. 1918.

Now, if the said J. M. Robinson, shall well and truly pay the several sums of money at the time or times specified, then the said D. S. Robinson, shall, is bound to execute to the said J. M. Robinson, or assigns, a good and sufficient title to the aforesaid parcel of land, but on the failure of the said J. M. Robinson to pay the aforesaid sums of money, or either of them, at the times specified, then this bond is void and of no effect.

In witness whereof, the said D. S. Robinson, has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day and year above written.

D. S. Robinson (LS)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of, W. O. Harper, and M. A. Robinson.

Georgia, Berrien County.

Court of Ordinary, Sept. term. 1918

J. M. Robinson,

vs.

J. D. Robinson, Executor of the  
estate of D. S. Robinson, and  
D. M., G. M., J. R. and J. D.  
Robinson, Mrs. Sarah Baker, and  
Mrs. Martha Cannington, heirs  
at law .....

Petition for order  
Requiring Executor to make  
Deed.

This case coming on for a hearing, and it appearing all respondents herein have been properly notified, and no objection having been filed to the application, it is ordered that the said J. D. Robinson, Executor, of the estate of D. S. Robinson deceased, do, and he is hereby required to make to J. M. Robinson, a deed conveying good and sufficient title to One hundred and twenty five acres of lot of land No. 499, in the Sixth land district of said county, according to the terms of said bond for title of the said D. S. Robinson, deceased.

It further appearing that the full amount of the purchase money of said land was not paid before the death of the said D. S. Robinson, but there remains \$700.00 with interest at 8.5 per cent, which amount the said J. M. Robinson, is ready and willing to pay whenever the said executor, executes to his deed in terms of the law, judgement is hereby rendered against J. M. Robinson, for the sum of \$700.00 and \$112.55 interest, and \$8.00 cost of this suit. This is the 2nd. day of September, 1918.

Filed in office Aug. 5th. 1918.

J. I. Norwood. Ordinary

Recorded. \_\_\_\_\_

J. I. Norwood. Ordinary

Application to the probate will of D. S. Robinson

STATE OF GEORGIA, BERRIEN COUNTY.

To the Hon. J. I. Norwood, Ordinary of said County.

The petition of Joseph D. Robinson, a resident of said County, and nominate executor of the last will of D. S. Robinson, also a resident of said County, who died on the 20th. day of May, 1918, owing valuable real and personal estate in said State, disposed of by will, amounting to the sum of Eight Thousand dollars and which remains to be administered, respectfully showeth that the said D. S. Robinson died testate, that his will is herewith presented for probate at the regular term of the Court of Ordinary of said County in Common form; that your petitioner is named in said Will as its executor; Wherefore, your petitioner pay leave to probate said Will in common form, and the issuing to him of letters testamentary upon his taking the oath of office. May the 23rd. 1918.

J. D. Robinson.

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STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF BERRIEN.

Before me came Jos. A. Alexander, named as a witness to the within writing purporting to be D. S. Robinsons last Will, and being duly sworn, saith that with W. E. Tyson, and W. G. Harrison, at the request of D. S. Robinson, and in his presence, and in presence of each other, did attest as witnesses the within writing as D. S. Robinsons Will; that the same was signed and published by D. S. Robinson in their presence as the last Will; and that he was at the time of said attestation and signing by him, of sound and disposing mind and memory; that he executed the same voluntarily.

Jos. A. Alexander.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on the 23rd. day of May, 1918.

J. I. Norwood, Ordinary.

BERRIEN COURT OF ORDINARY, JUNE TERM, 1918.

The above petition of J. D. Robinson nominated executor of the last alleged Will of D. S. Robinson, duly filed, having been supported by proper proof of Jos. A. Alexander a Witness to said Will, that said D. S. Robinson died a resident of said County; that he and the other witnesses, W. G. Harrison and W. E. Tyson saw him sign and heard him publish the alleged Will as his own last Will; that he attested the same as a witness, at the request and in the presence of W. G. Harrison and W. E. Tyson, so attesting also at his request; that the said D. S. Robinson was, at the time of said signing and attestating; of sound and disposing mind and memory, and did, in the execution of said Will, act freely and voluntarily; it is ordered that the same be duly recorded having been duly proved in common form that letters testamentary issue to him upon his taking the usual oath of office.

J. I. Norwood. Ordinary.

Filed in office, May 23rd. 1918, J. I. Norwood, Ordinary.

Recorded, \_\_\_\_\_ J. I. Norwood, Ordinary.

GEORGIA. BERRIEN COUNTY.

I, J. D. Robinson, do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named D. S. Robinson, deceased, so far as I know, and believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of the State, So help me God.

J. D. Robinson,

J. I. Norwood, Ordinary B. C.

## MEMORIES OF DAVID SHANNON

David Shannon had a little Mexican Chihuahua dog, named "Nigger" or "Nig," who accompanied him wherever he went. The dog went to every meeting at the Oakey Grove Church with David. One day, David's son, George, came to visit and was greeted by the dog. David hollered out to his son, "Just come on in. The dog won't bite." So when George entered, the dog attacked was really gnawing at him, but fortunately the dog was toothless from old age.

David Shannon treated his dog just like a child. He was always buying and giving him stick candy. Joseph Milton Robinson, Jr. remembers that the dog was little, black, and toothless. He said the dog had no hair, except for a few long hairs around the mouth. He said the dog lived for 12 years or more.

Arlie Snyder Robinson recalls David Shannon attending church with his second wife, Martha, and the little Chihuahua. David Shannon always went to church at Oakey Grove. He use to walk from his house at the crossroads. He remained active in the church until his death.

Joseph Milton Robinson, Jr. remembers David Shannon as being very active in gardening and fishing. He used to fish at New River, which was near his homestead.

David Shannon was very fond of his horses and he cared for them very well. His grandson, Walter Mitchell Robinson, used to help his grandfather take care of the horses and do other chores around his home. One day, David Shannon's, Joseph Daniel, car broke down. Joseph Daniel sent his son, William Penn Robinson, to David Shannon's house to get a team of horses. Joseph Daniel used the horses to pull his car to his father's home. David

Shannon got really upset with Joseph Daniel because "his poor horses had to pull that old heavy car."

David Shannon always had a small drink before breakfast and a nip of whiskey before his evening meal. He liked northern whiskey that was shipped into Georgia and his favorite whiskey was "Old Mount Vernon" in a square bottle. Even during prohibition, David Shannon always had a nip of whiskey or wine, which was hidden in his smokehouse. He liked to save his whiskey bottles, which accumulated into a large collection when he died. The story was told about Roy Robinson, great grandson of David Shannon, spotting David Shannon at Oakey Grove church one Sunday morning and hollering to him, "Bootleg, Granddaddy!" Apparently, his great grandfather had been slipping him some bootleg whiskey at a very young age.

Ralph Robinson, grandson of David Shannon, remembers the morning blessing David used to say: "Thank the Lord for breakfast. Amen." If there was a house guest, David used a longer version of the blessing.

David Shannon was known as "Pappy" to his grandchildren.