

MARGUERITE JULE PACETTY BROWN

Highlights of her life in:

**Camden County, Georgia
1882-1906**

**Miami, Florida
1906-1980**

by

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FOREWORD

The highlights of *Marguerite Jule Pacetty Brown* is a subjective viewpoint written by her granddaughter, Marguerite Marreé "Midge" Mathews.

I have tried to substantiate a factual time sequence of the highlights of Rita's life in Camden County, Georgia (1882-1906), and in Miami, Florida (1906-1980), through letters, journals, diaries, census schedules, family Bibles, church records, deeds, wills, land grants, books, published papers, unpublished manuscripts, and through personal tributes from friends and relatives.

My mother, Frances Brown, my uncle, Frank Brown Jr., my aunts, Ann K. Brown and Fé Brown Durand did an incredible job of reviewing past events - especially after prying open their memory banks - and came forth with many stories of great interest. Without their expertise and without the help of Marguerite Godley Reddick, Jack F. Godley, Georgia Foster Fawcett, Louise D. DuBose, Fred Frohock, Margaret Readdick Ryan, Emmie Frohock Readdick, Dave Richardson, Nell Noyes, Daisy Gaunt Brown, Carrie Gaunt Griffin, James B. Russell, Mary Katherine Brown Eldridge, Kathy Carmichael Adams, Bea Brown White, and especially, Alice Collar Tonge who started it all, this endeavor could not have been accomplished.

The first version of my story about Marguerite "Rita" Pacetty Brown was written in 1984. Since that time, I have had access to much more material pertinent to the context and history of her life in both Camden County, Georgia and in Miami, Florida. I felt that an updated rendition in 1993 would better reflect the changes brought to light through these additional records.

At the end of this history, I have included: Photo copies of Rita Pacetty/Pacetti when she was young, Rita Pacetty standing in front of her one-room schoolhouse, marriage photo of Rita Pacetty & Frank Brown (all photos in Bryan-Lang Historical Library, Woodbine, GA); pen & ink

sketch of the Marion Floyd Pacetti House in Camden County, GA drawn by Robert T. Mathews ~
Rob Logic ~ of Raleigh, NC (sketch is posted on Camden County, GA Web site of Tara Fields
at www.camdencounty.org); poems Rita recited; several pages of lineage connections.

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In 1795 Charles and John Floyd moved from South Carolina to McIntosh County, Georgia. They moved to Camden County in 1800 where they established two plantations about a mile apart from each other in an area known as Floyd's Neck. In honor of their fortunes made from ship building and from the sea, Charles Floyd built his plantation in the shape of an anchor and named it Bellevue; John Floyd called his plantation Fairfield. After Charles Floyd died, John moved into Bellevue. The ruins of the tabby "Anchor House" as Bellevue Plantation is sometimes referred, as well as the Floyd Family Cemetery near the site of the former Fairfield Plantation, and the monument to Charles Rinaldo Floyd - are now on property owned by Union Carbide; however, access is obtained through Aventis CropScience USA (was Rhône-Poulenc Ag. Company) located outside of Woodbine off Harrietts Bluff Road. Members of the Floyd family as well as others may obtain permission to tour these areas.

John Floyd was not only a civil engineer, but also a ship builder. His company built many boats in Georgia and he was well known for constructing sleek racing boats as well as boats for travel and commerce. General John Floyd distinguished himself in the War of 1812, represented Camden County in the Georgia Legislature, became a U.S. Congressman and a Presidential Elector.

Henry Hamilton Floyd was the twelfth and youngest child of John Floyd and his wife, Isabella Maria Hazzard. Henry Hamilton Floyd and his first wife, Margaret Ann Boog, had one daughter. Henry Hamilton Floyd and his second wife, Mordina Jane Boog, had twelve children. Their first-born daughter, named for her mother's sister and for her grandmother, Margaret Isabella, was born at Bellevue Plantation and later married Lewis David Pacetti.

Andrés Paxeti was among that group of Minorcans, Italians and Greeks who emigrated to Florida in 1768 from the Mediterranean. During the British Period (1763-1783), these people were contracted by Andrew Turnbull to colonize New Smyrna, Florida and work the vast indigo plantation he had established there. The colonists were exploited, severely abused, were not allowed to leave the fields to hunt, fish or to tend their gardens so that hundreds of them starved to death. Nothing they had been promised had been granted and after nine years of deprivation and mistreatment they decided to petition the government in St. Augustine for justice. The entire group of Minorcans, Italians and Greeks walked the King's Highway from New Smyrna to St. Augustine, toward a new beginning. Andrés Paxeti, his wife, Gertrudis Pons, and their children were an integral part of this fascinating history.

Just prior to 1820, a few members of the extensive Pacetti family moved from St. Augustine, Florida to Camden County, Georgia. The Pacettis were farmers, fishermen, carpenters, ship builders, stevedores, captains of boats. They owned their own boats and transported people as well as goods up and down the St. Marys River and across Cumberland Sound to Fernandina.

John Pacetti was born in St. Marys, possibly not too long after his parents moved there from St. Augustine. His parents were Tomás Paxeti and Maria "Mary" Catalina Bonelly - both half Italian and half Minorcan blood lines. His maternal grandparents were Josef Bonelly of Italy and Maria Moll of Ciudadela, Minorca. His paternal grandparents were Andrés Paxeti of Trápani, Sicily

and Gertrudis Pons of Mahón, Minorca. John Pacetti/Pacetty and his four brothers, Andrew, Joseph, Thomas and Dennis were among those of their generation to use English as the primary means of communication, whereas prior to this time Catalan and Spanish were the predominant languages.

John Pacetti married Margaret Rebecca Campbell, the daughter of Otis P. Campbell and Patience "Patsy" Martha J. Smith. Martha's (Patsy's) father was James Smith, who, according to the James B. Bliss Family Papers, was born in Northborough, Massachusetts. He was a volunteer soldier during the Revolutionary War. He and his wife, whose name is unknown, had eight children. The four girls, and at least two of the four boys, were born in the Carolinas. Patience "Patsy" Martha J. Smith was born between 1798 and 1800 in North Carolina (listed as NC on certain census schedules and was confused with Nassau County in FL! Although, a few of these Smiths later lived in Nassau Co., FL). Her brothers and sisters were as follows: James G. Smith; Abraham B. Smith, born ca. 1798 (married Eliza/Elizabeth Lowe); Cochney Smith, born ca. 1801 in North Carolina; Ransom C. Smith, born ca. 1803 in North Carolina; Margaret Harriett Smith, born 1806 in North Carolina (married Capt. Peter Corb); Eliza J. Smith, born 1808 in Pee Dee, South Carolina (married James B. Bliss); Charlotte Smith, birth date and place unknown (married Andrew Pacetti, brother of John Pacetti).

John Pacetti (known as John Pacetti, Sr.) and Margaret Rebecca Campbell had seven children, all of whom were born in St. Marys in Camden County, Georgia. Their second child, Lewis David Pacetti, married Margaret Isabella Floyd.

John Pacetti owned two lots in the small town of St. Marys. On various census schedules, he listed his occupation as carpenter, a mechanic and as a farmer. He purchased land on Cherry Point in Camden County. The area surrounding his property - Marianna River, Crooked River, Big Creek, Kings Bay, the salt marshes and the contrasting wooded high lands - make up the region where John Pacetti and his family later resided. They fished, farmed and earned their living here.

When Margaret Isabella Floyd eloped with Lewis David Pacetti she had no idea that life would be so difficult. This lovely lady of a prominent family fell in love with a tall, dark, handsome man. According to James Boog Floyd Russell of White Oak, Georgia, who is an authority on Floyd family history: "Certain members of the Floyd family considered him to be beneath their class in society. Margaret refused to let her family's objections toward him dissuade her from being with the man she loved and they had to run off to get married." The Civil War had considerably narrowed the choices of eligible males in the county and Margaret Isabella was already twenty-three years old. Lewis David had been injured as well as imprisoned during the Civil War but at age twenty-seven, he remained a powerfully robust, striking man. They were married in St. Marys, Georgia, on February 19, 1866.

Lewis David Pacetti and Margaret Isabella Floyd set up housekeeping on Cherry Point. They were married just over a year and a half before their first child was born on Cherry Point on November 2, 1867. He was named Marion Floyd Pacetti.

Samuel Augustus, the next son, was born on October 10, 1870. According to the census that same year, Lewis David's father, John Pacetti Sr., his grandmother Martha Campbell, and his youngest brother Frank, were living with them - a house full.

John Pacetti Sr.'s wife, Margaret Rebecca Campbell, died in 1860, leaving him a very lonely man. His mother-in-law, Martha "Patsy" Campbell, came to live with him to care for John's three younger children. At one time his property out on Cherry Point consisted of nearly 369 acres of high land combined with numerous acres of salt marsh. Over the years, John Pacetti parceled out his property among his offspring. When he died in 1890, his six living children inherited about 32 acres each of his remaining Cherry Point property. "Old John Pacetti" was an affectionate yet respectful term given to this elderly gentleman. Census schedules show both Martha Campbell and John Pacetti living in the various households of John Pacetti's grown children on Cherry Point.

When the third son was born, Margaret Isabella Floyd Pacetti's beloved sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd wrote in her diary, "Bridge (Margaret's nickname) has another son, born on the 4th of January, 1873, and named Thomas Bourke. It is a great misfortune that she has children, for their father is so trifling that he never will make anything out of them." In the Pacetty Family Bible the birth date for Thomas Bourke is listed as January 5, 1872.

The fair Margaret Isabella had large, pensive brown eyes lined by a pretty arched brow. She wore her brown hair pulled lightly back away from her face. For years, her beautiful photograph, housed in an exquisite old-fashioned oval frame, hung in a place of honor in the dining room of her youngest daughter, Rita Brown. Her character was portrayed by both daughters as dear and sweet, but references to her health describe her as being "infirm" most of the time.

A daughter was born on March 2, 1875. They called her Maud, shortened from Martha Mordina. Following this birth there were no more children for four years.

In Augusta Gallie Floyd's diary there is an entry for August 31, 1879 stating, "Jule (another Floyd sister) and I have been making some little garments for Bridge's expected baby. We have a number of articles made and expect to send her a box before long. Her girl is nearly five years old and we were all in hopes she would never have another." On November 17, 1879, John was born.

On the 1880 Camden County census this Pacetti household still had many occupants: Louis [sic] Pacetti, age 40; Marguerite [sic], age 38; Marion, age 12; Samuel A., age 9; Tom Burke [sic], age 7; Martha M., age 5; R. C. Smith, age 77. Little John must have died in infancy because his name was excluded. R. C. (Ransom C.) Smith was the brother of Martha "Patsy" J. Smith Campbell.

Again at the age of 39, Margaret resigned herself to yet another unplanned pregnancy and on November 9, 1882, a daughter named Marguerite "Rete" Jule was born. Her initials "M.J." were hastily inscribed in the Pacetty Family Bible.

Life was not easy for the Pacetti household on Cherry Point. There was no electricity, no running water, no indoor plumbing, no screens on the windows, no refrigeration. There was a wood cook stove and the wash was done entirely by hand. They grew most of the produce they needed and purchased the remaining necessary items from stores in St. Marys.

Even though he was poor, Lewis David did have a family to support and it seems he was able to feed, clothe, and house them. Lewis David and Margaret purchased goods from John Bachlott's store in St. Marys. An old store ledger found in historic Orange Hall reads: Lewis Pacetty April-Dec. 1886 & Jan-May 1887 - Sugar 10 cents, Flour \$1.00, Soda 5 cents, Salt 10 cents, Butter 25 cents, Ess. Lemon 10 cents, Vinegar 10 cents, Coffee 25 cents, Bacon 40 cents, Candy 5 cents, Crackers 10 cents, C. Oil 10 cents, Lard 25 cents, Ham \$1.87, Rice 25 cents, Buttons 15 cents, Thread 5 cents, Homespon [sic] \$1.00, Lawn 30 cents, Shirting 80 cents, Calico 25 cents, Stockings 10 cents, Jeans 75 cents, Buckles 5 cents, Hdkfs. 10 cents, Hat \$1.75, Soop [sic] 5 cents, Table Cloth \$1.00, Plates 60 cents, Tobacco 25 cents, Cigars 25 cents, Snuff 25 cents, Matches 5 cents, Nails 50 cents, Rope 30 cents, Kerosene 10 cents, Shot 10 cents, Powders 10 cents. During October 1886, his bill amounted to \$17.47 and a total bill for the months of Jan-May of 1887 was \$35.77. Making use of a type of barter system, the store owner issued scrip certificates. Lewis David exchanged syrup, melons, potatoes and other commodities for necessary items in order to defray costs.

The boys helped with the farming, tended to the animals and by age seven or eight, were proficient fishermen. The girls sewed, mended and helped with housework. All of the children attended school between chores. Rete told me that when she was a very young girl she usually did a few chores to help out and she attended a little school within walking distance of their house. She said when she was not in school, mainly she played with her cousins or sometimes with her sister, sometimes "annoyed" her mother or simply "cut the fool." She had a great sense of humor!

Margaret Readdick Ryan said, "My grandfather, Judge Robert H. Frohock, built a schoolhouse as well as the Methodist Church on some of his Cherry Point property. Grandfather hired a school teacher, Miss Maggie Ross, to teach all of the children - his own, the Pacetti children and others - living on Cherry Point. They all called the one-room school 'The Little Red School House' and I am sure that my mother, Emmie Frohock, and Rete Pacetti used to go to this school together." Margaret said that she visited Miss Ross, who lived in St. Marys during her retirement years.

Many Pacetti relatives lived nearby. A few included the large families of David B. and Evelina Downs Pacetti, Frank C. and Orrie Jane Carter Pacetti, Robert and Margaret Harriett Pacetti Frohock. There must have been others as well. There were those who lived in St. Marys, for example, James and Julia Isabel Pacetti Wilson and Lewis A. and Mary Martha Pacetti Clarke.

Over a period of four decades census records show that both Andrew Pacetti and his brother Dennis Pacetti repeatedly shifted their large families from St. Marys, to Fernandina and St. Augustine; reversing this cycle depending upon the job market. Andrew Pacetti owned a house (now demolished) located on Bryant Street in St. Marys. He and his second wife, Catalina

Andreu, two children from his previous marriage as well as six of their own children lived there for a while before they moved to Savannah. Dennis Pacetti and his wife, Esperanza Capo (who died sometime between 1860 and 1870), and their three children also lived on Bryant Street. A few years later he lived on Osborne Street in St. Marys. According to author James S. Silva, for several years Captain Dennis Pacetti continued to sail his sloop, the *Independence*, transporting produce and other goods up and down the St. Marys River. Dennis Pacetti and his family were in St. Marys until the mid-1890's, after which time their names ceased to appear on records in Camden County.

In several places throughout her diary, Augusta Gallie Floyd mentioned that some of their family visited "Bridge" or "Pat" Russell (Catherine "Pat" Sophia Floyd Russell, another of the Floyd sisters) in Camden County and had taken them sacks of oranges from Moccasin Branch, Florida. Following the Civil War, a familiar way of life was completely disrupted. The Floyd family home of Bellevue was partially destroyed and Augusta Gallie Floyd's first residence outside of Camden County was at Moccasin Branch, Florida. The closest town was Tocoli on the east side of the St. John's River. Before her own house (called Oleander) was built she lived for a while with her brother, Hal Floyd and his wife, Dora Jane Rogero. Augusta Gallie Floyd invited young Marion Pacetty and his cousin, Harry Russell ("Pat" Catherine Floyd Russell's son), to travel down for a visit with them at Moccasin Branch but Marion had cut his foot quite badly and Harry Russell had to go alone.

Young Rete had many cousins but one of the closest was Emmie Frohock. Emily "Emmie" Rebecca Frohock, who later married John Walter Readdick, was the daughter of Margaret Harriett Pacetti Frohock and Robert H. Frohock, who, according to Emmie, "Lived across the creek from Lewis David Pacetti out on Cherry Point." Emmie called Lewis David "Uncle L.D." and Margaret Isabella "Aunt Morgie." Rete always referred to Margaret Harriett and Robert Frohock as "Aunt Dump" (because she was short and plump) and "Uncle Bob." Rete and Emmie had many good times together. Emmie told me that it was the custom for girls to be well-behaved, although on numerous occasions these two displayed their share of inventive, impish mischief!

Not unexpected after a hard life, the beautiful but frail Margaret Isabella died the 24th of March, 1892 at the age of 49. The devastated Pacetti household would never be the same. Her absence would be greatly felt. In Maud Pacetti's diary the entry on page 36 states, "March 24, 1894. Saturday, It is just two years ago today that my dear Mother died and left us all to do the best we could in this world. Would to God it had been me instead."

According to Rete Pacetti Brown, Margaret Isabella Floyd Pacetti was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys. Margaret Readdick Ryan said, "Everyone who died out on this particular area of Cherry Point was taken into St. Marys for burial. No one was ever buried out there nor on the Methodist Church grounds on Cherry Point because the land was so near the marshes and water that the ground was always too wet."

Lewis David Pacetti is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys. His marked grave reads: "Louis Pacetty 2nd.Lt.Co.2nd Fla.Inf. C.S.A." - no dates. No Pacetti family members are buried

near his grave. Camden County historian, Eloise Bailey, says that this small section of the cemetery was reserved for those who served during the Civil War. There are many Pacettis with both marked and unmarked graves in this cemetery. Oak Grove Cemetery records do not show that there is an unmarked grave for Margaret Isabella Floyd Pacetti; however, it is believed by family members that she was buried there. At that moment in his life, Lewis David Pacetti was unable to afford a stone marker for his wife.

Lewis David apparently had a great deal of difficulty in coping with Margaret Isabella's death. He was a very large man - extremely tall - about 6' 4" with broad shoulders - like a prize fighter - piercing eyes, some say blue, some say brown - and he had a long, dark, bushy beard. A portly, imposing figure of a man. He loved his liquor! The implications are that he drank to excess before and especially after Margaret's death. According to Fred Frohock, Lewis David, as a young man, had been captured in Virginia very soon after entering the Civil War. He was kept in prison for nearly two-thirds of the four years. Could this experience have driven him to drink as well as resulted in behavior considered contemptible? Lewis David Pacetti was periodically expelled from the Methodist Church in St. Marys: "You are herein charged according to the law with a firm violation of the Discipline by drinking spirituous [sic] liquors when it was not absolutely necessary...and we feel in duty bound to protect our beloved Church by the enforcement of her laws for the sake of the world and unsacred about us, for the sake of the Church as a holy institution, for the sake of your own soul." Signed in 1890 by three church members.

His sons, Marion, Sam (also called Gus) and Bourke were allowed to remain at home, possibly because they were older and could fend for themselves. Maud was sent to live with Aunt Jule Floyd Noyes and Rete was sent to live with Aunt Estelle Floyd Foster.

The year was 1892 and Rete's father could not handle this ten-year-old independent spirit. Off to Satilla Bluff she went, to live with her dear Floyd related cousins, aunt and uncle. I frequently questioned her about this and each time I asked, her eyes would cloud over with a far away look and her voice became stilted as she explained, "My father could not take care of us after my mother died. He was very poor and unable to manage with us so I went to live with Aunt Estelle and Uncle Jack."

Though there were many children in Estelle and Jack Foster's household, Rete grew particularly close to her cousins Ruth, Kitsy, Ida and Jule. Rete and Ruth were akin to sisters and they played, ate, slept, and went to school together. They also got into trouble and were punished together.

The Hilton-Dodge Lumber Company mill was not too far from the Foster home. Jack Foster was part owner of this mill according to his daughter, Georgia Foster Fawcett. The children were warned not to be out walking through the woods when the late afternoon whistle blew. The whistle signaled the end of a shift and the mill workers filtered through the woods on their trek home. One day Rete and Ruth were wandering slowly through the woods, very near the Satilla River, when they heard the shrill sound of the whistle. They instinctively knew they were in trouble. They rushed home to find Aunt Estelle in great consternation over their tardiness. That evening Uncle Jack whipped them both and sent them to bed without supper. When I was a

child, Rete would sit in the rocking chair with me on her lap and I would beg her to tell me this story over and over again. She never did grow tired of telling of it.

Rete's sister, Maud, received a scholarship to Georgia Normal College in Milledgeville, Georgia. Maud's daughter, Marguerite Godley Reddick, said that the two year scholarship was given to her mother on the recommendation of Mr. Julius King, Camden County School Commissioner.

On page nine of her journal, Maud Pacetti wrote, "Jan. 6, 1894, All late to breakfast this morning. I went down in my wrapper. Had toothache all night and did not sleep at all hardly. Gus, Mary and myself cleaned up the room. When we got through, Mary and I got ready to go up town. Mrs. Shealy went with us. We went to the express office, there was no box. Went to the post office, there was no mail...When I got back the girls all wanted something to eat. I took the money, went over to a little store and got some sausages and crackers, we cooked them in our room in the shovel, and the girls made candy. I wore my wrapper down to supper and Mary did likewise. After supper we all went downstairs to dance. Gus and I danced a jig. Gus had on her bloomers and me in my wrapper. There were a lot of cadets standing by the well in the yard looking at us. I went upstairs to study. After they all came upstairs we ate our supper that we had cooked in the shovel. Mary read a chapter in the Bible to me but the girls made so much fuss I could not hear it. At last we all said goodnight and went to bed."

On January 9, 1894 she wrote, "After being kept awake all night (from a toothache) I got up at five o'clock and went to studying. We cleaned up the room, and went to breakfast. It was still raining and to my horror I had to wear an old gossamer and rubbers to school."

The school year ended on March 31, 1894. Maud Pacetti took the train from Milledgeville to Guyton, Georgia. She stayed with her Uncle Bourke Floyd and Aunt Fannie Perkins Floyd who lived in a picturesque place called "Pineora." Nell Noyes, Jule Floyd Noyes' daughter, explained, "Pineora was a lovely plantation located just far enough away from Savannah to escape the summer heat and mosquitoes which plagued that city! The family took the train into Savannah for supplies." During her two month stay at Pineora, Maud played croquet with the children and took them for walks in the park; played whist and casino and went fishing with Aunt Fannie and Uncle Bourke; received letters from Gussie Russell; sewed dresses; picked strawberries and blackberries; visited cousins in Savannah where she attended dinner parties and dances.

At the very end of May in 1894 Maud left Pineora. She packed her trunk and satchel and took the train back to Woodbine. On page 66 of her journal Maud wrote, "When the train stopped I saw Uncle Ned and got off as fast as I could. I met Rete, Ellie, Harry and Albert or rather they met me. We had to go five miles in a boat, but it did not take us long, at last we reached the house. Aunt Jule met us at the door. I was truly delighted to see her. After supper I went over to Aunt Teddie's and staid a while then went back and talked to Aunt Jule a long time and went to bed. Ellie and I talked about three hours, so got to sleep about three o'clock."

Not only did young Rete live in the household of Estelle "Teddie" Floyd Foster and her husband Jack Foster, at various times she stayed with other Floyd family members. This included her

Aunt Jule Floyd Noyes at Satilla Bluff and her Aunt Catherine "Aunt Kate" or "Pat" Floyd Russell at Tompkins or Silco.

The head of the Russell household was Judge John Swan Russell who was married to Catherine "Pat" Sophia Floyd. This couple had children very close in ages to those of John's own father's children. John Swan Russell's father was Clement Phineas Russell, a man who married for the second time late in life and when Clement and his wife died, John took care of the children from this second marriage. Catherine Melanie "Kate" Russell was one of these children. This information is verified by Georgia Foster Fawcett and by David "Dave" Richardson, Kate's son. The duplication of names becomes somewhat confusing because I always referred to this lady as "Aunt Kate." She first married George Henry Richardson and after he died, she married Leonard Rose. When I was a young girl in Miami, Florida, she frequently stopped by Rete's house to visit. Aunt Kate used to tell me amusing stories while we walked up to the corner drugstore on Eighth Street to buy vanilla ice cream cones. Kate Russell Richardson Rose was related only through marriage, yet she and Rete Pacetti Brown were to remain lifetime friends - perhaps because their circumstances were somewhat similar.

The small community at Satilla Bluff was where Edward Prescott "Ned" Noyes and his wife, Jule Floyd Noyes lived. Their large two-story house, built with a sun parlor and two wide verandas, faced the Satilla River. According to Nell Noyes, her father, Ned Noyes, succeeded Jack A. Foster as superintendent of the Hilton-Dodge Lumber Company. Nell Noyes explained that Satilla Bluff had two settlements - the Upper Mill where the lumber company was located and three miles away, the Lower Mill (later became Ceylon) where they lived. Georgia Foster Fawcett, who resides in Savannah and who told me many fascinating sketches regarding the Floyd, Russell and Foster families, said that during this time frame John Alexander "Jack" Foster and his wife, Estelle "Teddie" Floyd Foster lived in close proximity to Ned and Jule Noyes at Satilla Bluff.

Susan L. (Mary Rose) Floyd Graves wrote a letter to her cousin, Mary Faith Floyd McAdoo, on March 12, 1891 in which she said, "Ted and Jule have four children, each. They live right by each other at the Satilla Mills."

In her journal, Maud Pacetti described a trip to Cherry Point beginning June 17, 1894 and ending several days later. A group of young people, including Maud, Marion Pacetti, Arthur, Mary and George Frohock, Florrie Pacetti, Lula (no last name listed), and a Mr. Gowan took a boat to a beach area. They tried to sail the boat but there was no wind so the men had to use the oars. After the beach picnic, they all went back to their homes on Cherry Point. On June 18, Maud wrote that she got up early to cook breakfast and afterward, "Papa went to St. Marys to church. We all ate melon in the kitchen and after dinner Marion and Mr. Gowen went back to bed. Rete and Bourke went to sleep. Gussie and Frank and Johnnie Pierce went off and I was left alone in my glory. Later, I went to Uncle Dave's."

On June 19, Maud wrote, "I went to Uncle Bob's to see Grandma." Maud continued, "June 20: Coming back to the Bluff. Marion and Rete and myself. We stopped at Mr. Oxley's a long time. We got here about three o'clock ate dinner and Marion went to Uncle John's."

This journal definitely provides confirmation that on occasion during her early teenage years, Rete visited Cherry Point. As an adult, this bit of information was something she politely declined to discuss.

Rete stayed in her father's house on Cherry Point and she spent time with her Pacetti relatives. "Papa" was Lewis David Pacetti (who must have been reinstated by the church!). Gussie, Bourke and Marion were Maud's and Rete's brothers. "Frank" was Francis C. Pacetti, Lewis David's youngest brother. "Uncle Dave" was David Bailey Pacetti, another of Lewis David's brothers. "Uncle Bob" was Robert H. Frohock, who was married to rriaret "Dump"d Pacetti "Ptsy"s

long, thick, dark brown hair is pulled back in a ribbon high on her head and falls down below her shoulders. Tiny curls form slight bangs across her forehead. Her eyes are brown and her skin a light olive complexion. She looked quite "Spanish" as a young girl.

In the large Satilla Bluff house near the Satilla River, on January 16, 1895, Rete's Aunt Estelle Floyd Foster died. This left a great void in her life as she would no longer be a boarder in the Foster household. At this time it is thought that Rete went to live with her Aunt Augusta Gallie Floyd who was residing in St. Augustine. At least she lived with her during the school year. During the summer she still "visited" other family members.

Augusta Gallie Floyd was a strict, no-nonsense spinster under whose charge many of the single females in this family remained until they were married or went to live elsewhere. At this time she lived in a large, white, three-story colonial house located at 54 Water Street in St. Augustine, Florida, purchased for her in 1892 by her brothers. Augusta Floyd, a former school teacher, marked the height of the young children each time they came to visit. In 1895, on the dining room doors at the house on Water Street, Rete Pacetti had her name placed just above that of Albert Floyd. The measurements written beside Rete's name are 4'11 1/2" and Albert's measurements are 4' 11".

On April 18, 1897, in St. Augustine, Rete wrote a letter to her Uncle Jack Foster. She wrote, "Dear Uncle Jack, It was indeed very kind and thoughtful of you to send me that money and I'm much obliged to you. Auntie had my teeth fixed last week and they look real good. I went bicycle riding last Wednesday and had a real nice time. Fé can ride now and she went with me. Tell Ruth to write to me real soon, she has been owing me a letter a long time. School won't close till the first of June, but I'm going to stop the first of May. I take drawing from Miss Amy Schmidt and I like it very much. Not very long ago we had a very bad thunder storm; it rained in torrents and hailed and the wind blew very hard. I was a little bit frightened. I wish you and Gus would come to see us soon. Albert is reading, Auntie is sitting down rocking and I'm writing to you so I'll have to come to a close. All are well except Auntie, and she has a bad cold. I must say Goodnight. Write soon to your loving niece. Rete."

Rete was not quite fifteen when she wrote this letter. "Auntie" sometimes called "Aunt Gus" was Augusta Gallie Floyd. Fé was a first cousin, Fé Hyacinth Floyd, daughter of Henry "Hal" Hamilton Floyd, Jr. and Isadora "Dora" Jane Rogero. Albert was Fe's brother. While Rete was living with her Aunt Augusta Floyd in St. Augustine, Fé visited them frequently. They became good friends and at a later date, Rete would name her first daughter after these two ladies - her cousin and her aunt. The "Gus" she referred to in her letter was Augusta Gowan Russell, daughter of John Swan Russell and Catherine "Pat" Sophia Floyd. Augusta Gowan Russell was Jack Foster's second wife. The "Ruth" she referred to was another first cousin and also one of her very dearest friends, Ruth Foster, daughter of Jack Foster and his first wife, Estelle Floyd Foster. Rete's fear of electrical storms never abated. With each bolt of lightening she would always cringe and with each crash of thunder she would scream. She would then declare with certainty that the world was coming to an end!

All of the Floyds emphasized the value of a good education and encouraged it in every aspect.

Fortunately, Rete did have a good education which included learning French, a language in which she became proficient. At a later date, she taught French to her own students. Augusta Gallie Floyd had a piano and though she did not receive formal lessons, Rete taught herself to play. Every young girl who lived with Augusta Gallie Floyd had impeccable manners and social mores ingrained at an early age.

Somewhere along the line, Rete became an Episcopalian. She was baptized in the Cherry Point Methodist Church. The Register of Baptisms for this church shows: "Margaret Julia Pacetty baptized on June 10, 1884; infant age 3 mos.; parents Lewis & Margaret; by Rev. J.D. Anthony." This birth date differs by about two years according to the Pacetty Family Bible and by Rete's own word. Georgia Foster Fawcett said that most of the Floyds professed the Episcopal faith. In the Floyd Volumes compiled by Alice Collar Tonge, this was the religious faith held by Jule Floyd Noyes, Georgia Estelle Floyd Foster and Augusta Gallie Floyd.

Where did Rete spend this summer? It could have been with the Russells in Camden County or with her Aunt Jule Floyd Noyes whose husband, Ned Noyes, had been transferred to Savannah at this time. Jule Noyes periodically traveled to St. Augustine, to Savannah and to their home at Satilla Bluff. According to Georgia Foster Fawcett, the Fosters did not move to Savannah until 1909. I recall Rete mentioning that as a young girl she went to Savannah and absolutely adored that city. During one visit she and her cousin, Ruth, were there together. One lovely afternoon Rete and Ruth went walking down the street taking their time, exclaiming over the beautiful flowers growing in everyone's yards when the little maid accompanying them happened to get in front of the two young ladies. Rete always related this episode as an impertinent affront, "Can you imagine? Of all the nerve, that little hussy walked right in front of us!" Complicated social codes still prevailed and this was considered an unheard of breach of deportment.

Maud Pacetty was to be married to Mr. Andrew B. Godley on November 24, 1897. The year before, Rete and Maud's eldest brother, Marion Pacetti, married his petite, lively Florrie and both of them were now living out on Cherry Point. In September, 1897, a letter arrived for Maud from her Aunt Jule Noyes, who was in St. Augustine at the time. It was decided that the wedding was to take place at St. Clement's Episcopal Church at Satilla Bluff; the reception was to be held at Aunt Jule's and Uncle Ned's home at Satilla Bluff. They would serve cake and wine but in the months prior to the wedding, Maud must make her trousseau. Aunt Jule is very happy about the plans for this marriage especially since Mr. Godley had told Maud that they may take Rete to live with them. Aunt Jule wrote, "Every one of us will help to dress Rete - so that she will be pleasant company for you with very little expense."

Apparently Rete completed school which she attended in St. Augustine and was no longer living with her "Dear Auntie" as she always referred to Augusta Gallie Floyd. Rete must have been living with her Aunt "Pat" Catherine (she always called her Aunt Kate) Floyd Russell and Uncle John Swan Russell in Silco.

In a letter to her sister Rete wrote, "Silco, Ga. Nov. 17, 1897; My dearest Sis: You don't know how bad we all miss you, I wish you were here or I there. I'm so much obliged to you for sending the clothes. I think those two shirtwaists are so pretty. I found fifty cents in one of them, I think

Auntie sent it for my birthday. Colquitte had the chill and fever again to-day but Jim hasn't had it since you left...I think we will be with you on Saturday, Aunt Kate said she thought we would go on Saturday's boat, because the boys are going to grind cane next week. I made some potato-doogum twice and it was fine, and went like hot cakes...Has Auntie sent all my winter clothes, and does my dress I'm to wear at your wedding look good? Aunt Kate and I are going to pick all the chrysanthemums and put them in the house so we can bring them when we come. You know the cold weather kills them. I guess you feel queer to-day, only one more week when your name, future, and life I guess will all change, but I believe you'll be the same old 'Sis' as before. Aunt Kate says if nothing happens she'll surely be at your wedding, but if Colquitt is still sick with the chill and fever she can't come, but will send me. My dear I suppose this will be my last letter to you while you are Miss Maud Pacetty but, will address them to Mrs. G. instead. I must say Goodbye for this time. I am as ever your loving sister, Rete."

Just as in every letter, journal and diary I have quoted, this letter is transcribed exactly as it was written, leaving the original spelling intact. Even though this letter had Silco written above the date on the far right-hand side of the page, the envelope was postmarked Tomkins, Georgia and was sent to: "Miss Maud Pacetty, Satilla Bluff, Camden Co., Ga."

Transportation was still rather difficult in the late eighteen nineties. Camden County is chock-full of waterways ranging from deep rivers with swift currents and steady flowing tributaries to docile creeks and quiet branches. It was very convenient to travel by boat and a lot of people used small sail boats, row boats, skiffs or bateaus for errands, fishing or for just getting about. Marguerite Godley Reddick said that steamboats made regular trips along the Satilla River stopping at places as Satilla Bluff, Ceylon, Woodbine, Owens Ferry, Bailey's Mill and then going as far up as Burnt Fort before returning to Brunswick or to St. Simons Island. Maud Pacetti used the term "The Vessel" to describe the steamboats as they approached the landing docks along the Satilla River. Three times she mentioned: The Passport, The Bonsall, The Viola Rippard.

On January 23, 1898, Lewis David Pacetti married Julia Ann Peebles. A large reception was held in Robert and Margaret Frohock's house on Cherry Point and Emmie Frohock and Rete were there to join in the celebration. According to Emmie Frohock Readdick it was a very festive gathering with lots of friends, relatives, good food, dancing, and music. The music was played by banjo, fiddle, and a recorder type instrument. Everyone serenaded the happy couple. Emmie Frohock Readdick said that apparently Rete disapproved of this marriage for she did not have too much to say about the entire affair. I never once remember her mentioning her father except to say he was poor and that he had no roots in Camden County and he could not be traced because he came directly to Georgia from Spain. Most of which is entirely untrue. She absolutely refused to talk about him. Perhaps his demeanor was too painful for her to relate.

Emmie also thought that Julia disapproved of the merriment because she was rather stern and solemn. She described Julia Peebles as a homely, seemingly nice, woman who owned a boarding house on Clark's Bluff on the St. Marys River. This is verified by Fred Frohock who told me that the boarding house was located just outside of Kingsland. Fred said that Lewis David went to live with Julia in the boarding house but operated his own boat house which was situated

on one of the many tributaries near the St. Marys River.

On the 1900 Camden County census, Lewis David, Julia, and Thomas Bourke (Lewis David's son) were listed in one household. On the same census, in another household, were listed: Andrew Godley, head, age 35, DOB Nov. 1864; Madena, wife, age 25, DOB Mar. 1875; Floyd, son, age 1, DOB Sept. 1898; Andrew, son, age one month, DOB May 1900; Rete Pacetty, sister, age 17, DOB Nov. 1883. The many census errors are probably due to both those recording the census as well as those giving the information.

Thomas Bourke Pacetti died June 18, 1901 in his late twenties. It was another sorrowful day for Lewis David and his family. Emmie Frohock and Rete were going to attend the funeral together. For some unknown reason, Rete was staying across the creek from the Frohock house. With Marion and Florrie? Or in her father's former house? Emmie could not recall which. She had to rig a horse and buggy and travel the long way around in order to fetch Emmie because the creek (Sandy Run) was up. The road was dusty and the ride was hot. They arrived a bit late and had to sit in the rear row of chairs. The service was held outside. Unfortunately, they were sitting behind Julia Peebles' brother, a large man with cauliflower ears. The girls had nicknamed him "Mr. Pocketbook" because he always carried something which resembled a purse. They invariably laughed every time they saw him. During the service, Rete started to giggle. Then Emmie started to giggle and snicker. They lost complete control and began to laugh. They decided they had better get up and leave. Yet my own mother, Frances Brown, said that each time Rete spoke about poor Bourke she became very sad.

When I spoke to her about her early life, Rete never actually came out and said so but only hinted that she felt an extreme sense of loss when Maud married Andrew Godley. They lived in an area between Burnt Fort and Midriver - such an inaccessible distance from everyone and places familiar. Jack Godley said, "Before he was married, Andrew Godley built a house on property he owned located about 1 and 1/4 miles north of Burnt Fort. The house was about 1/4 mile from the Satilla River and the little sandy beach at the curve in the river where the boats landed is still known as Godley's Landing."

Over the next few years Rete's sporadic visits with Maud and Andrew Godley seemed limited to the summer months. She was listed with them on the 1900 census which had been taken in June. She helped with household chores, helped with Maud's children and according to Marguerite Godley Reddick she taught school in Midriver.

I do know that Rete taught school in a one-room schoolhouse just outside of Silco. She was still living with her Aunt Kate (Catherine Sophia Floyd) Russell and John Swan Russell at the time. In a letter to her sister, Maud, she wrote, "Silco, Georgia Oct. 12, 1904; Dear Sis: I do not see how I can go to the show for everybody here is sick nearly and I have sore throat, too but I will send the skirt by Andrew Sat. and if I were you I'd go. I just phoned to Lee at Woodbine, she came last night and will stay til after the fair tomorrow. Wish I could go but I can't. I was mad all day Sunday but I sure took dinner with Maud McCarthy. Saw Miss Jessie Mizell and Bessie. Got home about 7 o'clock. Mr. Ben Dyal apologized to me at Church for hearing him curse Fri., said he didn't know I was in the buggy. I staid at Mrs. Russells last night. Got that blue flannel dress, too.

But don't know how I will make it. Have you seen Hugh since Sat.? I swear, if it wasn't for losing my rep., I'd get my cousin Lee to finish this darn school. I don't like this having sore throat so much. Little Gussie Jackson came near to having convulsions this morning, poor Mrs. Jackson is having a time. Guess I'll close. By the way please send my pocket book first chance. Goodday. Love to all, Rita."

I often heard Rete say that she liked teaching the children in her one-room schoolhouse even though it was difficult to discipline them at times. The "Cousin Lee" she referred to in this letter was Miss Rosa Lee Russell, daughter of Catherine Sophia Floyd Russell and John Swan Russell. According to James "Jim" Boog Floyd Russell of White Oak, the Russells moved into that large gray stone house on Bryant Street in St. Marys probably sometime around 1905 and for years Lee Russell taught school in St. Marys. Being in such close proximity to all those little children increased the risk of exposure to viral illnesses. Simply because she was predisposed to certain infections, Rete did not wish to compromise her reputation by giving up her job. She stood by her established work-ethic principles and continued teaching.

Maud Pacetty Godley was a lovely lady, outgoing and popular, with a grand sense of humor and amiable personality. She had numerous talents to her credit. She sewed beautifully, wrote poetry, was an artist who liked to draw pastels of multicolored flowers, had a marvelous green thumb with great success in her garden and was known for her good cooking. Rete commented that everything she was able to do, she had learned from her sister. She said that she and Maud used to sit together cutting out and sewing their dresses as well as children's clothes. They did not use patterns.

According to Marguerite Godley Reddick, Rete had many suitors. They would come to the Godley house in a horse and buggy and take Rete out riding down the various winding lanes lined with moss-draped oaks. One man, Clyde McCarthy, was "sweet on Rete" says Elinor McCarthy Russell of White Oak. In later years, each time someone mentioned Rete's name, his face broke into a cute little smile but he would not reveal anything!

Gliding gently down the Satilla River, the river boat carried the normal crowd of young people returning from an excursion to St. Simon's Island. There was a dancing party on board this steamer and Rete Pacetti met Frank Hopkins Brown as he was playing his guitar during a band break. After getting acquainted, they danced together. He liked her long, dark brown hair and her rather formal demeanor. She liked his jovial teasing and his charming manner. The party denoted the beginning of a future relationship which was to last just two years shy of a golden commemoration.

Frank Hopkins Brown, was the son of James David Brown and Clara Ann Gelzer. His maternal grandparents were Thomas Lining Gelzer, M.D. and Clara Anne Reid, both of South Carolina. Around 1860 Thomas L. Gelzer, his wife and children moved to Camden County where he set up a medical practice in Jefferson (the former county seat until it was changed to St. Marys in 1872; then to Woodbine in 1923). Frank Brown's paternal grandparents were Hugh Brown, Jr. of Camden County and Elizabeth Dean, of Milledgeville in Baldwin County, Georgia. Frank H. Brown was born and reared in Midriver, Georgia, where he and his brothers, half brothers and cousins farmed many acres of land, worked on rice plantations and in timber and turpentine

production.

After a long and decorous courtship, Frank H. Brown and Rete Pacetti decided to marry and set the date for August 1, 1906. The wedding took place in the old Episcopal Church of the Messiah situated on the Satilla River at Owens Ferry and was officiated by the well known Reverend D. Watson Winn. Bea Brown White said that Rete's dear Aunt Augusta Gallie Floyd could not attend the wedding but sent her orange blossoms from St. Augustine. Georgia Foster Fawcett explained that it was a custom in their family for brides to wear orange blossoms. In the Floyd family tradition, Rete walked down the aisle with a light veil attached to garlands of fresh orange blossoms entwined into a crown on top of her hair. One of her best friends, Kate Russell, was her maid of honor and her aunt, Jule Floyd Noyes, was another witness. Bea Brown White who attended this wedding, said that Claude Brown, Frank's youngest brother, was his best man. However, according to the Episcopal Church records, Crawford Brown, Frank's half brother, was the only witness listed for Frank. Everyone listened while Rete promised her allegiance to this proud, imperious, handsome man.

At the conclusion of the official ceremony at the church, everyone was invited to attend a luncheon wedding reception which was held at the home of Rete's sister, Maud Pacetti Godley.

According to Eddie Brown, Rita's youngest son, Rita Brown and her new husband set up housekeeping in a rambling wooden farm house outside of White Oak, Georgia. The old, unpainted weathered house was one-story with a fireplace and four bedrooms and had an outside well and outhouse. They raised chickens, cows and pigs; grew their own vegetables, had fig trees, peach trees and a grape arbor. In a conversation with Eddie Brown in 1979, he said that the house was still standing near White Oak. Actually, this house belonged to William Weston Brown, another half brother of Frank H. Brown - according to Beatrice Brown White, daughter of William Weston Brown. The house was located on Highway 252 in the Sand Hills area called Midriver and Rita and Frank spent their wedding night here then only stayed for a day or two after that. This information was from Bea Brown White who told me that as far as she knew, "Frank and Rita never did own a place in Camden County because they always had it in their minds to move south to Miami." This house, known as the Weston Brown house, was located diagonal across Highway 252 from the entry leading to the old Jacob T. Goodbread house, and had been demolished when I saw the area as of 1984. The site marking the spot where the Weston Brown house once stood is still discernable; the empty, sandy soil is still lined with stately live oaks.

The James David Brown family seemed solidly established in Camden County, Georgia, until a few members decided to move to South Florida between 1890 and 1900. Several people in Frank Brown's immediate family were already settled in Miami, Florida: His older sister, Annie Marion Brown, who had long before married Edwin Newton King in Camden County - Edwin N. King wished to move to Miami because of business and farming opportunities; his younger sister, May Brown, went down to stay with Edwin N. King and Annie Marion Brown King in order to attend school - then later married Edgar C. Gaunt, a Miami pioneer; his younger brother, Jim Brown, went to Miami to check out the area, married Dolly Richardson and decided to become a permanent resident; his mother, Clara Ann Gelzer Brown, along with her youngest son, Claude

Brown, followed.

Frank Brown had been down in Miami over the years scouting around and looking into possible business ventures that the area had to offer. All of Frank's relatives encouraged him to make Florida his permanent home. This propelled Frank and Rita to make the decision to leave Camden County and move to Miami. Off they went in a horse drawn carriage, toting trunks and what little furniture they owned, to travel along what is now known as U.S. Highway No. 1. This is a story Rete used to tell me time after time but for the life of me I can't understand why anyone would want to make that exhausting trip by horse and carriage when the railroad had been in existence all the way down to Miami for ten years. Rete told me that they stayed with friends in Jacksonville and spent one night near Daytona Beach. After many rough miles and days in both inclement and favorable weather they arrived in Miami.

In her diary entry on August 12, 1906, Augusta Gallie Floyd wrote that Hal (her brother, Henry Hamilton Floyd) had returned to St. Augustine from a trip down to Miami and he had seen both Albert and Rete. She wrote, "Rete lives three miles from Miami with her mother-in-law, I think. A bad plan in most cases."

Fé Brown Durand wrote to me that after their initial arrival in Miami, Frank and Rita stayed with Clara Ann Gelzer Brown and her son, Claude Brown.

For certain, Augusta Gallie Floyd did not have any inkling that Clara Ann Gelzer Brown was a gentle soul, one who was rather easygoing, a kind person who loved children and was generous and cordial to everyone. Clara Ann's granddaughter, Daisy Gaunt Brown, said that her own father, Edgar C. Gaunt, had a homestead consisting of about 150-160 acres from S.W. 8th Street to about S.W. 15th Street and from 22nd Avenue (known as Citrus Road) to 27th Avenue (known as Grapeland Blvd.) east and west. Daisy said that the one lot Edgar Gaunt conveyed to Clara Ann for a house was at about 24th Court but it faced S.W. 8th Street. According to her grandson, Frank H. Brown Jr., Clara Ann lived in a compact two-story house of light gray stucco located at S.W. 9th Street and 24th Court, very near Jim and Dolly Brown. All of Clara Ann's grandchildren, including Carrie Gaunt Griffin and Frances Brown, attested to her sterling qualities and her mild-mannered character. Clara Ann Gelzer Brown died on August 15, 1919 and is buried at City Cemetery in Miami.

Just prior to moving into their own house, Rita told me that she and Frank stayed a brief few weeks with John Frohock, who was the sheriff in Miami at that time.

From the time John Frohock left Camden County at age eighteen he served in public life. He was on the police force in Fernandina, deputy sheriff in Deland, a deputy US Marshal in Palm Beach. He settled in Miami in 1895. In 1899 he served as city marshal and in 1900 he was elected sheriff of Dade County. It was through his influence that the courthouse was moved from Palm Beach to Miami. John Frohock became a successful businessman and planter who owned several buildings in downtown Miami as well as extensive tracts of land all over Dade County.

In 1900 John Frohock's brother, George, decided to settle in Miami. George and John owned adjacent groves in an area called Fulford (now North Miami Beach). They farmed grapefruit, avocados and tomatoes which were shipped to markets in Atlanta, Chicago and New York. By 1920, George Frohock, his wife, Alice Walker and their children, Albert, Gladys, Esthera, Harry and David Leroy were still living in Fulford. They were joined by another brother, Arthur Frohock, his wife, Laura (sister of Alice) and their two girls, Grace and Edna, who lived next door to them in Fulford.

John Frohock, whose first wife had died leaving him with a young son, also named John, to raise, made his residence in Miami on Avenue D (now Miami Avenue) near Eighth Street. It was in this house that Frank and Rita were guests for a while. The Frohocks grew up on Cherry Point in Camden County and were first cousins to Rita Pacetti Brown.

I am sure that the prospect of living in a brand new house in unfamiliar surroundings was viewed with both excitement and trepidation for Rita. The story-and-a-half wood frame house was
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congratulations exclaimed with surprise, "Two of them!" Francis said that Frank and Rita were so pleased and proud that they planted two coconut trees at the entrance of the driveway on Eighth Street.

How on earth did Rita manage with a two year old plus twins? With all the housework, washing, cooking, cleaning and myriads of other things, her time was not idle. In fact, she had absolutely no time for herself at all. Her closest kin were in Camden County, at least those she would deign to share an intimate occasion. After the birth of the twins, she did have help with the chores by temporarily employing the aid of a lady who lived nearby. Doctor Skaggs was the attending physician for both the birth of Fé and the twins. He was such a caring, considerate doctor. Rita told me that a few weeks after each child was born she and Frank registered their names at the Miami Courthouse. However, in later years, every one of the Brown children had great difficulty in obtaining delayed birth certificates.

The twins were definitely a handful. They were put in a double baby carriage and according to my Uncle Francis they grabbed each other's food until it was all gone! My mother said that she got her little finger caught in the top of the double carriage and was cut so badly that she has the scar to this day. I am sure her crying was not easily placated.

Rita and Frank stayed in the house at 3421 S.W. 8th Street for several years. The three children - Fe, Francis and Frances - started attending Orange Glade Elementary School on the north east corner of S.W. 8th Street and 27th Avenue. Daisy Gaunt Brown said that her father, Edgar Gaunt, helped build this school! I attended Orange Glade in 1947-1948 and remember quite well the oiled wooden floors, high ceilings and the lovely Australian pines shading the play ground.

The area west of Miami along Tamiami Trail around Ludlam Road (67th Avenue) contained acres of uninhabited land with such rich soil one could grow just about anything. Annie and

The farmhouse had a porch which wrapped around three sides and in the back there was a large barn with a hayloft. The children could not resist the temptation of jumping from the loft onto the pile of hay below. But one day Frances did not see a rake hidden by the hay and when she jumped, she rammed her foot into the rake forks. The cut was ugly and her mother was undeniably upset. Francis said that the fields behind this house extended all the way to Comfort Canal.

Jim Carmichael and Allie Brown Carmichael first left their house in Kingsland, Georgia in 1913 to live in Miami and farm out on Tamiami Trail near the Gaunts. The Carmichaels did not live out on the Trail very long. They went back to Camden County for two years, returning to Miami again in 1919, this time to settle there permanently. Jim and Allie Carmichael and their two children moved to South Dade County near Biscayne Bay, just west of Old Cutler Road where they cultivated roses. "The Rosery" was operated by the Carmichaels for many years before it evolved into acres of mango groves. An accomplished horticulturist and agriculturalist, Jim Carmichael experimented with grafting mangoes and developed a new variety called the Sensation mango.

About 1915 or 1916, Allie Brown Carmichael's father, Hugh Crawford Brown and her mother, Alice Charlotte Gelzer Brown moved from Georgia to Miami. They first lived out on Tamiami Trail near Ludlam Road where Crawford did a little farming. Hugh Crawford Brown was Frank Brown's half brother and Alice Charlotte was the sister of Clara Ann Gelzer Brown. On the 1920 Dade County census, Hugh Crawford Brown and his wife were listed in Montgomery's Corner Township, on 20th Street, located between Ludlam Road and Le Jeune Road; his occupation was farm overseer. Listed in this same Township were their neighbors, George H. Richardson, his wife, Kate R. and their three children, George Jr., Dorothy and David. At a later date, Crawford Brown owned a general store in Cutler down in South Dade County.

Edgar Gaunt operated one of the largest and most successful commercial tomato farms in this vicinity. He employed several women, including Allie Brown Carmichael, Dolly Brown and Rita Brown, who spent long hours working in his fields picking and packing tomatoes. Edgar Gaunt also owned extensive acres of grapefruit groves in this area until the railroad split his property and he decided to sell.

May 27, 1917, Marion Glenn Brown was born in the Ludlam Road house. Rita told me that she was by herself during this birth because the doctor was too far away to arrive in time. Before the event, Frances said that she, Fé and Francis were sent either to their Aunt May and Uncle Edgar Gaunt's house two blocks away or to Uncle Jim and Aunt Dolly Brown's house - she could not remember which.

Francis (later became Frank Hopkins Brown, Jr.) said that at that time Uncle Jim and Aunt Dolly Brown lived about two blocks east of Ludlam Road on the Trail. Jim worked as a foreman for Edgar Gaunt and he was also a fine carpenter who helped build many houses. Francis said that Aunt Dolly was a great cook and when the children visited, she gave them delicious home baked cakes or cookies and juice. Dolly dearly loved children but had only one living child of her own, George Brown, who was a very dear friend of the twins Francis and Frances.

Carrie Gaunt Griffin said that her father, Edgar Gaunt, promised to donate a bit of land and build a one-room schoolhouse provided that the all of the families who lived along the Trail near Ludlam Road pitched in together to hire a teacher. They did just that and the children attended this school for quite a while.

During the middle of the school year, February 24, 1920, John Edwin Brown was born. Fé said that this time the Brown children were sent to the house of their good friends, Annie and Walter Ludlam. Fé told me that she loved going over to visit Ruth Ludlam, who was her best friend.

In one of her letters to me, Fé Brown wrote, "The children used to make wigwams from dog fennel plants which grew all over the place. Then when the Seminole Indians came walking quietly down the road into town, we were scared to death of them! But they were absolutely harmless."

Francis Brown, Jr. said, "In this undeveloped area on the edge of the Everglades, it was not at all unusual to see alligators sunning themselves in the saw grass marsh. Sometimes we explored the cypress tree swamps which contained a variety of birds as well as large snakes. At night we heard panthers howling in the hammocks where the thick palmetto palms grew."

One of Frances Brown's fondest memories was of her blue-eyed, fluffy white Persian cat called Beautiful. This cat was a special pet, a rather uncommon breed at that time, around 1920 in Miami.

On the 1920 Dade County census, Annie Marion King, who had been a widow for the last eighteen years and her son, Eugene, were living on 20th Street near Citrus Road. Living in the very next house were Annie Marion King's son-in-law, her daughter and granddaughter - Earl and Edna Wilson and their young daughter, also named Annie Marion. Earl Wilson was listed as a clerk in the Post Office. Next door to Earl and Edna were Earl Wilson's father, Anthony Wilson and his son, Vernon.

Frank Brown's brother Claude Brown, his wife, Edna and their two-year-old daughter, Mary Katherine, were living on 9th Street in 1920. Claude E. Brown was one of Miami's original mail carriers, first delivering mail by bicycle. For sixteen years, he worked for the Post Office becoming assistant postmaster before he retired from this position. Later Claude became Clerk of Dade County Circuit Court, a job he held for thirty years.

Rita continued to tend the house, can her own vegetables, put up jams and jellies, and care for the children's minor and major irritations. Rita always seemed to have stomach problems or a sore throat. I remember that she kept a ready supply of peppermints in a jar on top of the refrigerator and she kept brandy to concoct her ever reliable hot toddies for colds or sore throats.

Frank Brown, Sr. was a Miami pioneer. He and his brother-in-law, Edgar Gaunt, helped plant the graceful Australian pines which lined each side of Tamiami Trail. At a later date, these

magnificent trees were bulldozed down to make way for a wider paved street. Frank Brown tended to his farming, made a good living and provided well for his family. He was a stern disciplinarian and saw to it that the children minded and behaved well. He delved in real estate owning various houses as well as parcels of land even though his comment was always, "I am property poor."

One day in March of 1921, Rita received word that her dear sister, Maud Pacetti Godley, had died after an illness. Rita was beside herself with sorrow and sadness and her tears could not stop flowing. She packed up her one year old son, Edwin, and went to Camden County by train for the funeral.

The grievous loss of Maud nearly unseated Rita's reason. No one would quite understand how much this affected Rita nor over the next two years realize what she was going through. The Brown family had moved back to the house at 3421 S.W. 8th Street (they never sold it) yet Rita remained despondent and depressed. She was continually having stomach problems with a lot of pain - so fierce that Frank became alarmed and took her to a physician in Miami. The doctor could not find the source of her problem and Frank was not satisfied with the results. He decided to take her to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. They left Miami for Georgia in their Model T Ford and with all seven of them it was quite crowded. When they arrived in Savannah, Gus and Jack Foster were ready for them. Aunt Gus kept the five children while Frank and Rita continued on their extensive journey.

The Foster household was warm and friendly and all the children slept on pallets on the floor. The large white house on 308 East Hall Street with graceful columns lining the porch out front and all its nooks and crannies inside appeared enormous to the Brown children. Frances said that there were such gorgeous flowers and shrubs with brilliant blooms all about the front and sides of the house. She commented that Savannah seemed hotter than Miami! Finally, Rita and Frank returned with the good news that nothing of a serious nature was wrong with Rita. They stayed a brief time in order to visit with Gus and Jack and then drove back to Miami to resume life as before.

However, all was not really well with Rita and before too long she felt drained physically and absolutely crumbled mentally. They termed this her "nervous breakdown." Mrs. Spears, who was a "grandma" type person with gray hair in a knot on top of her head, took care of Rita and saw to it that she was comfortable. She also did the cooking and cleaning with the help of the girls. Frances said she was about ten or eleven years old during this dark and helpless period. Mrs. Spears lived with them for several months and through her careful coaching and attention Rita gradually began to recover.

The older children attended Ada Merritt and Shenandoah Junior High Schools. The family had a Mason and Hamlin upright piano which produced a good tone. Frances said that when the piano teacher, Mrs. Vera Veno, arrived to give the kids their music lessons, the girls could hardly wait to play but the boys ran and hid in the car shed. Francis said that the boys used to pilfer cans of sweetened condensed milk from Rita's pantry and hide them in the King orange tree. Later they mixed it with water for a grand treat.

Marguerite Godley came down to Miami from Camden County so that she could attend a good high school. She lived with Edna and Earl Wilson until she graduated from Miami High. Edna Wilson was Annie Marion Brown King's daughter and Frank Brown's niece. Marguerite frequently stayed with the Browns and went to the Episcopal Church with them. Marguerite Godley, as well as all of the Brown children, was christened in Holy Comforter Episcopal Church which was on S.W. 1st Street.

Frank Brown was a staunch Baptist and when I was a child, he took me with him to Riverside Baptist Church. He attended adult classes while I went to the children's Sunday School. Afterward, he dropped me off at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church to attend the eleven o'clock service with my mother and my grandmother.

Francis related many childhood memories in his letters to me. He described the Saturday ritual of hitching up the horse and wagon to make the ride into town for supplies. They tied the horse to posts in front of the Kress 5 and 10 Cent Store on Flagler Street. He wrote, "At that time Flagler Street had wooden planks or boards and it was quite noisy when the horses clumped down the street." He also said that the boys helped with the chores and the hoeing. They loved the sight of the pigs gobbling up the chufas and fighting for the very last one. He said that a chufa is a ground nut resembling an unshelled peanut, useful as a hog fattening crop.

Frances remembers that Rita's wood cook stove had a water reservoir on one side. This hot water was used for baths taken in a large, round galvanized tub in the kitchen. They washed clothes in three square galvanized tubs on the back porch. One tub was for washing, one for rinsing and one for bluing. A spigot with a hose attached made filling the tubs easy. Ironing was done with a very heavy flat iron heated on the top surface of the wood stove.

Fé recalled the wonderful holiday occasions when many Brown family members and others gathered together for huge buffet meals. Everybody brought a dish of food and the celebrations with friends and cousins were a lot of fun. At Christmas time, Frank Brown took the children out into the woods to cut a pine tree. The trees they picked were so high that they touched the ceiling! The children helped decorate the Christmas tree with colorful red and white stick candy.

Once again, Rita was managing everything by herself. In 1925 Frank decided to buy a large, two-story house in St. Marys for their family to spend summers in Camden County. The colonial style house, located on the corner of Seagrove and Conyers Streets, the exact address was 214 Conyers Street, had an upper and lower level front porch or veranda, lined by wooden columns. My mother, Frances, described two elegant magnolia trees which were directly out front and a large fig tree on the west side. She recalled a picket fence but when I saw the house in 1984, everything was nearly the same minus the fence. The creek still flowed through the empty lot across the street and the east side yard had a few more trees. The upper and lower porches on the front and back were being renovated. It was a lovely house!

Jack F. Godley said that when they were young, the Godleys were invited to spend the night on many occasions in the St. Marys house. Late at night the boys slipped out onto the upper front porch, climbed down the lattice and went swimming in the creek that ran along Seagrove Street.

No one ever found out about these midnight escapades.

Marguerite Godley Reddick said that she stayed many times with the Browns when they were in St. Marys. She has especially fond memories of exciting adventures with Fé. One night they were alone in the house and they heard a loud noise on the downstairs back porch. This noise kept occurring at different intervals and the girls thought there was a prowler trying to break into the house. They were frightened out of their wits and frozen to the spot. Very soon, Fe's father drove into the garage and he found the big tomcat furious because he was trapped on the porch and could not get out. The girls were certainly relieved!

During the hot summer months, there were many parties for the teenage crowd at the St. Marys Pier. Francis Brown recalled that he and his sister, Frances, along with Warren Bailey and Susan Yates and a few others gathered there, socialized, and then went swimming in the St. Marys River. He said that they all took part in summer plays which were held at the elementary school. Another treat was going to Sterling's Grocery Store on Osborne Street to buy nickel candy. Apparently Mr. Sterling had a vision problem because in order to see the denomination, he held the coins so close to his eyes that Francis feared he would inadvertently do damage to them. Sterling's sold such huge scoops of ice cream in cones that it melted and ran down your hands before you could finish.

Once, the Browns spent part of their summer vacation with Earl and Edna Wilson in the mountains of Cloudland, Georgia. Frances remembers that it was so chilly they had to use blankets in the middle of summer!

Georgia Foster Fawcett said that everyone was always glad when Aunt Rita came to visit. She said, "Rita was the most cheerful, happiest person and made everyone else around her happy. She was a good cook and made the best smothered steaks and roasts. She beat the meat with a whiskey bottle to render it tender. Rita didn't mind cooking for a crowd and always whistled, sang and told the cutest jokes while she cooked." To this day I can smell the aroma of her shrimp pilau, fried fish with hush puppies, stews and chicken; savor her peach cobbler with rum flavored hard sauce, fruitcake, homemade biscuits, and her guava jelly.

The 1926 hurricane whipped through the Miami area with such severe winds and rain that the Brown family, fearing their house would not withstand the storm, took refuge with Jim and Dolly Brown who had moved to a sturdy little stucco house at 2401 S.W. 9th Street in Miami. Frances said, "When we got out of the car, the wind was so fierce that even though the children were holding hands, we were blown two steps back for each step forward. We wondered if we were going to make it inside Jim and Dolly's house!"

Edgar and May Brown Gaunt had moved only one block away into a two-story house located at 2401 S.W. 10th Street. Daisy Gaunt Brown said that the Gaunts became terrified that their own house might blow in, so during the lull of this hurricane, her father hung onto her while Hark Bentley, a friend and neighbor, hung onto May as they tried to walk the one block from their house to Jim and Dolly Brown's house. Daisy said that the winds picked up while they were walking and that Hark fell to the ground and was rolling over and over, blown by the wind and

Edgar could barely manage to go after him. When the storm was over, the cleanup of trees, shrubs, and debris began. Edgar and May Gaunt sustained minimal damage to their house and Jim and Dolly Brown's home remained intact. The yards were a complete mess. Only one corner of the roof of Frank and Rita's house at 3421 S.W. 8th Street was damaged by a large tree which had blown over during the storm.

Frank and Ellen Noyes lived at Streamland Gardens east of the airport and south of 36th Street. Francis said that Frank Noyes owned a four-door, canvass top Moon Car which was blown three blocks away by the powerful winds of this hurricane. I recall two hurricanes as a child and we filled every available container with water, including the bathtub. The men "boarded up" - literally hammered boards across windows. We made sure the lamps contained kerosene, the flashlights and portable radios had working batteries, stocked up on canned goods and bread. Then we anxiously awaited the torrents of rain driven by howling winds. Rita was invariably on edge during these tumultuous storms, pacing the floor and wringing her hands. In my childlike way I tried to appease her by diminishing the danger. It never worked. Rita had a flair for sewing and made all the children's clothes. She had to do all the sewing by hand for it was not until much later that she purchased a treadle sewing machine. The children always looked nice but Frances was particularly hard on her clothes and her mother threatened to make hers out of Croaker sacks (a rough-woven cloth similar to burlap) if she did not take care of her things. In her senior year of high school, Fé bought some of her own clothes and gladly shared them with her sister.

Rita wore her long hair piled up on top of her head or pulled back away from her face. Her daughters wore their hair long, too. For years Frank would not let his women cut their hair but styles changed and he was forced into catering to female inclinations.

In 1928, the Brown family purchased the house at 930 S.W. 27th Avenue which they occupied for nearly forty years. They all thought the house was wonderful. Every room had electric lights and it contained a complete indoor bathroom, nice-size living room with a fireplace, dining room, combination library/telephone room, kitchen with an electric stove and four small bedrooms. A screened porch lined the entire front and a back porch had enough space for a small pantry. The double car garage had an adequate wash room in the rear with a wringer washer and two rinse tubs, but Rita insisted on placing her iron boiling pot nearby in order to boil the linens. There were fruit trees galore, some already there and some planted by Frank - mango, sour orange, sweet orange, kumquat, grapefruit, peach, key lime, coconut, guava, papaya, banana, sapodilla, avocado, mulberry. All this and enough land to grow a good size garden with corn, tomatoes, beans, peas, plus raise chickens. Twenty-five years later, as the city was building up around them, friends and relatives exclaimed in astonishment, "Frank and Rita still farm right in the middle of metropolitan Miami!"

Miami Senior High School was less than two miles from the Brown residence and all five children took a bus to and from school. Sometimes they walked that distance. Daisy and Carrie Gaunt often drove by in their father's Franklin, an open-air touring car, and Fé and the twins would go with them for a joy ride. Most of the Brown children's cousins attended Miami High as well as Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and they saw each other frequently. On nice

weekends, two or three families planned beach outings at South Beach. They sometimes took the street car across the bay. At that time the rails were built next to the two-lane causeway. The street car creaked and the children sat rigid in the wooden seats the entire trip, fearful the thing would topple into the bay below. They rented either cabanas on the beach or lockers at Smith's Casino at South Beach. The children went swimming in the ocean and picnicked on tables under coconut palms.

Once a month, Rita and Frank held a square dancing party for friends and relatives. Although Francis claims he did more than his share, the children took turns putting records on the crank Victrola while Frank or his brother, Claude, made the square dance calls. Fé said, "Pop was my dancing partner and he used to pick me up off the floor when he'd swing me and golly, that made me so mad. To me, it wasn't a bit grown up! Ha!" They served refreshments and in between the dances the group was entertained by Frank playing the banjo or by Claude singing or playing the violin.

No one who has been through the 1929 market crash can speak of it with objectivity. This was as true for the Brown family as for anyone. Everything was irrevocably lost. They were fortunate enough to own their home because Frank Brown did not believe in debts and always purchased material things outright. Thank goodness they had sold their many acres of land out on Ludlam Road years before. They were able to support Fé through college at Florida State and they did get by with maintaining the essential items for themselves. The rest of the time they were "Poor as Church mice," to quote Rita, and two years later they had to sell their house in St. Marys.

One by one Rita's older children started leaving home. Fé taught school at Riverside Elementary until she married her distinguished navy pilot, Mais Durand. The twins graduated from high school in 1931 and Francis went to work in his cousin's, James Gaunt's, General Store located at Ochopee. Frances went to work as a secretary for the Florida Rating and Inspection Bureau in downtown Miami. Only Glenn and Edwin were at home to pester Rita.

Rita's boys, including her husband, persisted in teasing her unmercifully. She did say amusing things as well as enunciate words such as squirrel, worm, bird and others in an odd way. In the Southern tradition all words ending in "er" automatically ended in "ah" for her. She bantered good naturedly with everyone and readily complied upon requests asking her to recite odd poems or verbalize odd pronunciations of words, both of which sent everyone into exuberant laughter.

According to Jack Godley, Frank Brown frequently related this funny story concerning Rita when she was in her early twenties: One day she went out riding in a horse and buggy with a male friend. He was sitting in the wagon with her beside him while the horse slowly ambled down a wooded lane. There was a mild breeze and he tried without success to light his pipe. Finally, he saw a huge live oak tree and he thought to himself that it would be a perfect place to get out of the wind to light his pipe. He pulled the horse to a stop and to his surprise, Rita immediately said to him, "I'll go behind that tree while you light your pipe." He laughed himself silly! For a long time she did not know why he laughed like that. Every time Frank told that story, she chaffingly told him, "Hush up your mouth, you jackass!"

Jack Godley said that he had never known such a marvelous woman. Louise and Marion DuBose said that Aunt Rita was the merriest person and she told the cutest stories! They liked having her visit when she came to St. Marys. In her nineties she continued to awe everyone with her ability to recite long poems and anecdotes with such intricacy and animated expressiveness. The ultimate compliment was conferred upon her by her two great grandsons David and Robert Mathews, "Great Grandma is a real trip!"

During free time, in afternoons or evenings, Rita invited the usual group of ladies to play auction bridge. Frances recalled that the permanent foursome were Grace Brown, Aunt Dolly Brown, Aunt Kate (Russell) Richardson and Rita. She also recalled that Rita belonged to the Eastern Star and Woodman's Circle. Grace Brown drove by with Aunt Dolly and Aunt Kate to pick up Rita and the four of them attended the Woodman's Circle meetings. Some of the meetings were formal and Rita made herself a beautiful blue evening gown. Frances described Rita as, "Looking the prettiest I have ever seen her look and her gown was just lovely." Rita's favorite color was red and she always went wild over anything which had bright red in it. At a later date, she would be buried in her favorite color - a red dress.

After ten years, Frances' marriage dissolved and due to financial misfortune she and her three-month-old daughter were forced to return home to live with Frank and Rita. It must have been an extremely stressful period for everyone concerned. Frank and Rita were more than happy to be of assistance in any way possible; however, while her daughter attended classes in the field of Laboratory Technology, Rita now had the responsibility of rearing a grandchild.

Spoiled rotten was Marguerite Marreé, named after both grandmothers and Frank and Rita's only grandchild for almost nine years. Such a tiny, wiry little thing, they nicknamed her "Midge." They adoringly put up with her demands for "Little Golden Books," her tree climbing, tricycle riding on the living room rug, draping overturned rocking chairs with Rita's best bedspreads to make secret houses, rummaging through Rita's jewelry box, or roller skating around the dining room table. When she became too feisty, Rita threatened to wash out her mouth with soap or to use a peach tree switch.

Every year, I always knew exactly when guava jelly making time rolled around. In the middle of summer Rita and I gathered buckets full of ripe yellow guavas and brought them into the kitchen for the jelly making preparation. But the oddest part of this process was Rita's request for all of my marbles, which she washed as carefully as the guavas. The guavas were brought to a boil then the liquid was strained through a cheese cloth. The remaining guava liquid, sugar, a little lemon juice and my marbles were placed in the large deep well in the electric stove and allowed to slowly simmer. The marbles made a funny sound but they kept the jelly from sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Quite suddenly events changed and Rita's boys were called to war. Mentally and emotionally Rita went right along with them. She waged her own private war - a war of personal anguish,

deep worry and constant tears. Battles were raging in Europe with man's insatiable desire to conquer man in the most destructive war in history. She fretted and cried frequently over the safety of her three boys. She tried to conjure up something to take her mind off her problems and she taught herself to crochet. This seemingly mild activity helped expend some of her worries and soothed her frayed nerves but never for a moment did she lose the fear of losing one of them.

Fortunately, the boys returned from the war unharmed. Francis and Edwin went to work for the U.S. Postal Service. Glenn worked as Clerk Of Court in downtown Miami. Frances changed jobs from secretary to an Army Colonel at Opa-locka Air Base to that of a laboratory technician in a busy office on Coral Way with two prominent doctors - Dr. Sackett and Dr. Dix. Fé and her husband moved to Los Angeles, California, where she continued teaching.

Rita had a variety of different flowers and plants which she loved to grow and cultivate. She pinched back her "hens and chickens," encouraged the sprawling azure blue plumbago, loved the brilliant red poinsettias, grew an abundance of spider lilies and marigolds, and had pots full of aloe, shrimp plant, begonia and phlox. She frequently cut back shrubs of croton and bougainvillea along the side of the house as well as pink and white periwinkle and variegated lantana. These latter two grew wild in the yard and were considered weeds. She liked the fragrantly sweet smell of the frangipani blossoms but she hated to rake the leaves which constantly fell from this tree.

There was a perpetual visiting back and forth of friends and relatives. The Kings, and their daughter, Ann; Uncle Claude Brown and his daughter, Mary Katherine; Uncle Jim and Aunt Dolly Brown and their son, George; George's wife, Grace, and their daughter, Bonnie; Aunt May Gaunt and her children; James Gaunt and his children; W.B. and Carrie Gaunt Griffin and their children, Fred and Caroline; Daisy Gaunt Brown and her children; Edith Gaunt Brown and her children, Doug and David; Uncle Jim and Aunt Allie Brown Carmichael and their grandchildren, John and Kathy; Jack and Kathleen James Price and their daughter, Jacqueline; Leif and Esthera Frohock Braksve and their daughters Selisa and Shirley; Bea Brown White; Kate Russell Richardson; Nell Noyes and her brothers; Frank and Gladys Noyes and their daughter, Sabra; Marguerite Godley Reddick her son, Tommy, and her niece Madena and nephew Andy; Annie Maude Godley and her brothers and sister; Uncle Marion and Aunt Florrie Pacetti and their children; Theodore and Marian Pacetti DuBose and their sons, Marion, John, Harry and their daughters, Annie and Willie; Dora Fay Frohock Finn and her daughters, Harriet Fay and Dutchy; the Langs, Wilsons, Atkinsons, and many others. These are only a few to mention from my childhood memories. Rita adored guests dropping by for planned or unplanned visits and they shared a mutual respect and admiration for one another.

About 1946, Rita started taking Midge with her on her trips to Camden County, Georgia. When they stayed with Annie Maude Godley near Midriver, Marguerite Reddick or another family member would pick them up at the Jacksonville bus station or the train station in Woodbine and drive them through rural country roads to Annie Maud's house.

There were a number of relatives who graced Annie Maude's dining table during these sojourns.

Annie Maude was a fabulous cook whose recipes (particularly her chocolate cake) would have won blue ribbons! Her own appetite contributed to her bulk, for she was an enormously large woman. She was a kind person who loved everybody, especially little children. Early each morning Annie Maude stuck pieces of Juicy Fruit or Dentyne on the thorns of the Mock orange tree growing beside her house. Of course, she concocted an elaborate story about a Good Fairy who had traipsed by during the night and left the gum! Always with a twinkle in her eye, Annie Maude told tales weaving a remarkable combination of fiendish and funny.

Jack Godley told me that Andrew and Maud Godley's first home burned on December 28, 1928. Jack was about twelve years old and remembers this dreadful incident quite well. It was just after Christmas and they lost everything. Jack said, "Then in 1929 my daddy, Andrew, purchased a sturdy wooden house from Houston Brown and his wife, Mary Rebecca "Minkie" Godley Brown. This house was not too far from our original homesite and not too far from Godley's Landing. Andrew Godley liked this place because years before he built a fireplace in the dining room for Minkie." When I was young, my contemporaries and I always called this "Annie Maude's House." Unyielding to the influences of gradual decline, AnnieMaude's historic old house still stands on Godley property.

Rita also stayed with her brother, Marion Pacetti and his wife, Florrie, at their house out on Cherry Point. Marion Pacetti was a large-framed, strong man who towered over everyone else. His wife, Florrie, was just the opposite. She was a thin, small lady with flashing dark eyes, more energy than most of those around her and seemed to always wear an apron over her dresses. Marion and one of his sons, Harry Lee, farmed their many acres of land on Cherry Point and raised cows, pigs and chickens. One of Marion and Florrie's sons, Elmer, was crippled and confined to a wheelchair. Another son, L.D. (Lewis David), lived nearby. A daughter, Marian Pacetti DuBose, lived in St. Marys with her husband, Theodore, and their children. The get-togethers were exciting and pleasurable.

Marion and Florrie Pacetti's large two-story house, built in 1898 on Cherry Point faced south, overlooked a tributary called Big Creek and salt marshes beyond. Big Creek was a branch formed from the Crooked River and the Marianna River, all of which empty into Kings Bay and eventually into Cumberland Sound. There were numerous oyster beds visible when the tide was low. The Pacettis loved to fish, shrimp and catch crabs. For years they made their living on the water by transporting goods, fishing and shrimping. A few still own shrimp boats and earn their living from the sea to this day. They always had fresh seafood for every meal, including breakfast. I well remember them boiling the crabs in the enormous iron cauldron down by Big Creek (Rita always referred to this creek as "The River"). It took all afternoon to pick the crab meat but the next morning it was worth the work because Aunt Florrie's crabcakes were out of this world! She served crabcakes, fried fish, grits, cornbread, homemade biscuits with fig preserves and hot coffee at breakfast. I was not allowed to drink coffee but instead was given fresh milk straight from the cow which, strangely, tasted exactly like the animal smelled. Uncle Marion presided over the dining table for all three meals mumbling a rapid, monotone prayer then closing with a loud, clear, "Amen, please pass the fish and grits."

Roaming around and exploring the extensive property on Cherry Point certainly was an

adventure for me. Never heeding Rita's warnings about snakes, "ground itch", or cutting my feet on discarded oyster shells, I always went barefoot. Walking toward the east under the canopy of trees, before one comes upon that jutting bit of land which they called "The Point," was a pipeline continually spurting forth with artesian water. Uncle Marion had connected the pipe into a wooden trough which was always completely full of crystal clear water and which overflowed down the embankment into Big Creek. The constant gush of the artesian water made a deafening sound, was always icy cold and refreshing to drink.

On hot afternoons I begged to be allowed to go swimming in The River (Big Creek). It was preferred that I go in during low tide, stay near the dock, and that I must be accompanied by someone because I could not swim. This task was usually left to the twins, Annie and Willie DuBose, who were good swimmers. They teased me about big fish, crabs, sting rays and alligators but I still persisted in going into the water.

One morning Rete, Aunt Florrie, Uncle Marion, Harry Lee and I were out on the dock crabbing. I leaned down with the net to pick up a crab attached to the end of my line when I fell right into Big Creek - dress, shoes and all. It must have been nearly high tide for the water was deep enough to be way over my head. Falling into Big Creek happened unexpectedly but Harry Lee quickly pulled me out.

The Pacettis had lived in Camden County since the early 1820's, and for four generations on the Cherry Point land. Whoever would have thought that the Government would want the Pacetti property to establish an Army ammunition terminal (dumping facility); then later, a Navy submarine base? All the people living in the Kings Bay area were told to move out. Rita seethed with indignation even though she never owned any of her father's land. I suppose it is a passionate feeling for heritage and roots - one of belonging - which are wrenched from your very core when someone or some Government appropriates the land of your forebears. The land the Pacettis owned was an important legacy to be treasured. In August 1955, Marion F. Pacetti was forced to sell 11.40 acres to the US Government for the sum of \$300.00. In September 1955, Marion F. Pacetti was forced to sell 43.9 acres to the US Government for the sum of \$12,515.00; and in another transaction on that same September day, he was forced to sell 96.6 acres to the US Government for the sum of \$1,160.00 (yes, \$1,160.00 for 96 acres! Camden Co. GA Deed Bk. 51, page 187; & pages 263-266). This was a traumatic experience for Marion Pacetti, who, at his own expense, had to hire a professional crew to move his two-story house off of the Cherry Point property. Fortunately, he owned another small parcel of land located near the Crooked River State Park on Georgia Spur 40 where this house is today. This sadly decaying, unpainted hard pine structure with its now misshapen upper and lower front porches, broken window panes, rusted tin roof and two crumbling brick chimneys, stands as a tangible reminder of the past.

In 1948, Frances married a former high school sweetheart. Midge went to live with them, however this did not leave a void in Rita's life. For the next two years, Midge spent weekends as well as both summers in Rita's household. The year before, Rita's youngest son married a pretty girl from Germany. Ann Klutsch became Mrs. Edwin Brown and she and Eddie would have three children: Michael DeWitt, John Edwin Jr., and Marguerite Michelle.

In 1952 Frank and Rita started planning the most thrilling vacation they had ever spent. Francis was going to drive them to California to see Fé and her husband. Frank and Rita were both excited and apprehensive. The arduous journey would be hot and tiring but well worth the effort. The trip took three overnights and four days. There was no air-conditioning in Francis' car but he installed a portable air-cooler in the passenger window. It was difficult for Rita to accept the thousands of miles between herself and her first born daughter. It was as though she was in another world. Fé usually made arrangements to come to Miami but this time Rita was going across the country to visit with Fé!

Frank Hopkins Brown was robust with energy and even though he farmed for many years, in between he held various kinds of jobs. At one time he worked for George Merrick as a foreman in planning the right-of-way for streets in Coral Gables. Another was with the Parks Department as foreman of a crew of men directing the planting of the ornamental Ficus trees along Coral Way. One was a job with Dade County inspecting property for mosquito control. After his retirement, his gout and arthritis finally placed him on crutches and the family was aware that Frank was definitely not feeling at all well.

On February 1, 1954, Rita's life companion, her pillar of strength and husband of forty-eight years, died of a heart attack while at home. This fun-loving man who was fond of music, dancing, joking and teasing was gone. Frank had an inestimable number of friends and the funeral service with full Masonic rites held at Woodlawn Park Cemetery was well attended. It was lonely and terrifying for Rita to think that she would have to make decisions on her own. She would not have to suffer the agonizingly solitary existence that some must endure for Francis was living with her and Glenn and Edwin were two doors away. She was never alone and her house was never empty. Aside from the immediate family there was the constant stream of relatives and friends who maintained steadfast contact with Rita.

Another portion of Rita's heritage was kept alive through the Floyd family reunions. She attended the first Floyd reunion in 1954 which was held at Incachee Plantation near Waverly. She loved seeing old friends as well as the enormous number of Floyd relatives in Camden County, Georgia. Alice Collar Tonge sent me photographs of Rita standing beside Kitsy Foster Atkinson, Ida Foster McCaskill, Ruth Foster, Jule Foster, Nell Noyes and Jule Graves. Alice Tonge, a truly wonderful lady, who was the Floyd family historian and who organized the reunions for many years, said to me, "Everybody dearly loved your Grandmother Rita."

Rita had always wanted to fly. She had never had an opportunity to go anyplace in an airplane and the thought of flying immensely appealed to her sense of adventure. To everyone's amazement, Rita decided to fly up to one of the Floyd family reunions! Everyone she knew in Camden County thought it was remarkable that Rita had the courage to initiate something like that in her late seventies.

The city of Miami decided to widen 27th Avenue into four lanes and in order to do this they needed more land. The new 27th Avenue encroached onto Rita's property, in fact, it took the entire front yard. Obliterated were the oleanders, the crepe myrtles, the sapodilla tree. The

screen porch was at jarring blows with cement sidewalk and asphalt street. People walking past could look straight in at you and it was no longer fun to sit in the rocking chairs on the porch. Rita felt this was a humiliating affront and with futile exasperation berated the powers who destroyed her property.

One day in 1960, Rita complained of annoying chest pains and shortness of breath and Ann Brown became alarmed enough to drive her to the doctor's office where Frances worked. Due to an abnormal electrocardiogram, the doctor, who felt she probably had had a coronary, admitted her to Mercy Hospital. With rest and medication she immediately began to feel better but was told she must stay in the hospital for a while. I was home on a brief vacation break from nursing school in New Orleans when I visited Rita at the hospital. My cousin, Jackie Price, was working the switch board at Mercy Hospital at this time. Rita was so glad to see me but she fussed about this decision of having to stay in the hospital because she found it difficult to comply with orders to remain still and quiet.

When Rita came home, she flatly denied having had any heart attack and refused to believe the doctors or their reports. A stubborn woman, she would do what she had always done in the past. Did the fear of dying touch a chord of rebellion? She was not through living, yet!

A few months after her recovery, Francis was no longer living at home and Glenn decided to move away into an apartment closer to his job. This left Rita by herself for the first time in her life. She was not exactly afraid to be alone, however, the prospect of waking up and going to bed in an empty house left her perplexed. She was not sure she could manage alone. It was decided that Edwin and Ann and their three children would move in with her. Rita enjoyed knowing the house would be literally bursting at the seams once again and this suited her just fine.

How could a mother-in-law who had done things her own way for years possibly live with a daughter-in-law? How could a daughter-in-law who was independent, competent and efficient possibly live with her mother-in-law? Two very exceptional people. They accepted the situation and did what they had to do to adjust. Separately and yet together, they carried on their daily lives. For the rest of their growing years, Ann's three children, Mike, Johnny and Shelly would have their Grandmother Rita in the house.

When I was a child, I never saw Rita's faults. As an adult, I had fleeting glimpses of her impetuous, impulsive behavior and heard her jealous remarks. Most of the time she kept her thoughts and true feelings to herself in almost stoic fashion. She never criticized anything any of her children did or neglected to do, nor was she a "silent critic." I never saw her genuinely angry although she was given to uttering hyperboles to make her point. Her children experienced the anguish, pain, disappointments, love, joy, and excitement which is universal. Rita innately experienced their feelings just as mothers world wide feel for their offspring. She lectured the same lectures, doled out the same punishments, responded wholeheartedly with insight, approval and acceptance. She made the best of appalling situations and in the manner of a true lady retained a positive and noble spirit.

Rita was staunchly a Democrat and never considered another view. She was asked to volunteer

her time to help at the polls for both state and national elections. She really liked that function and enjoyed directing people to the voting booths. Checking the voter registration papers was an important job which gave her certain responsibility and she proved she was an able and capable worker.

Time seemed to be passing quickly for Rita because in the Fall of 1962 she was invited to the wedding of her first grandchild. "Unbelievable!" said Rita. She knew the day would come but never thought she would be around to actually participate. From this union, Rita would see her two great grandsons, David and Robert. When David was born, Rita held him and talked to him and he looked up at her as if he could understand exactly what she was saying.

Rita used to like to drive various cars - Fords, a Buick Touring Car, a Buick Sedan and others she and Frank bought over the years. All their automobiles were the stick shift type and Rita drove every chance she could. When her vision became dimmed with cataracts she was abashed that the authorities refused to renew her driver's license. She had stopped driving years before but wanted to keep her license. Rita's steadfast advice was, "Do everything you can while you are young because you may never have another chance."

The city of Miami certainly was squeezing in around the house on 27th Avenue. Rita and Edwin decided the time had finally come to sell the house and move. The very thought was painful and the decision was a wrenching one. An infinite number of memories were sold to the highest bidder. By January 1968, they resettled in another home much farther south, very near the Gables line, two blocks south of Bird Road. This quiet neighborhood was made up entirely of permanent houses and there was no fear of bustling businesses or condominium complexes pushing them out.

One of Rita's favorite pastimes was fishing. If anyone dropped by and said, "Let's go fishing!" She immediately changed into flat shoes, donned her intricately decorated fisherman's hat, grabbed her cane pole and shouted, "I'm ready!" She never turned down an opportunity to go fishing under any circumstance. Folks offered to take her fishing in the many canals, rivers, the bay or even deep sea fishing. She loved it all. Once when she and Francis were out fishing in a small boat in a terrible storm suddenly about over, she didn't even mind having to be rescued by the Coast Guard! Edwin had a airplane on board in the boat in the event Rita fishing

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Proceeding through life was becoming poignantly painful. Many of those she loved and cherished were gone. Ruth Foster and others in the Foster family, Marion and Florrie Pacetti, Annie Maude Godley and others in the Godley family, Frank Brown's brothers and sisters and a few of the younger generation of the Brown family, including her own husband and son had passed away. She repeated the unanswerable question, "Why am I still here? The Good Lord must have some reason."

During holidays and on other special occasions family members invited Rita to join them. She spent long weekends with Francis and Helen Brown and entertained them by playing their organ. Sometimes, Frances and her husband encouraged Rita to spend time with them. Even Fé and Mais Durand would try to come to Miami for visits with her.

In a letter I received from Rita in December, 1975, she said that writing made her hand shake and that she was partly crippled and half blind. She stayed home for Christmas but did entertain a few family members who dropped by. The Episcopal Minister and the Lay Reader from the Church came by to give her communion. Since she could not get to Church, they tried to visit once a month and see her. When they stopped coming, they sent tapes of the service and she listened at her leisure and then mailed the tapes back to the Church. Her Episcopal beliefs never swayed.

In 1976, Rita received a special congratulatory birthday greeting from President Ford. This centennial year she crocheted everyone precious red, white and blue doilies!

Rita's thick, white hair was rather short and the distinctive wrinkles which lined her face portrayed an inner strength and venerable character. Her weakest points were her physical frailties. Her bones seemed to break with regularity in later years. She still took her daily walk around the yard using her cane for support and stood at the kitchen sink to wash dishes with support of her walker. Never would she let herself become lax and totally useless. She depended on Ann a great deal to help her with her correspondence. Ann was always willing to oblige and went out of her way to keep in contact with Rita's friends and relatives. Ann was a kind, responsible, caring person who truly looked after Rita's trivial as well as important needs. This entire family helped her get around, took her for doctors visits, bought the special thread necessary for crocheting, encouraged her to play the piano. A few of her favorite songs were: "Annie Laurie", "Poor Nellie Gray", "Rock Of Ages", "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny", "Gentle Annie", "Way Down Upon The Suwannee River", "Tennessee Waltz", "I Come From A labama", "Red Wing". Ann Brown invited her friends over for coffee and conversation. How Rita loved her strong, black coffee! Ann had pots of it ready all day. Rita had a "sweet tooth" too, and Ann saw to it that she had her supply of sweet pickles, jam, cake and candy.

In her last year with Edwin and Ann Brown, Rita often fell. She would fall when getting out of bed, by simply turning around or just walking through the dining room. Her two strong grandsons, Mike and Johnny Brown, were there to pick her up when she desperately needed them.

Rita's youngest son, Edwin, who was her mainstay for these past twenty years was seriously ill.

This situation would not be mentioned to Rita and she would never find out about his terminal illness. In October, 1979, Rita fell and broke her ankle. She was already difficult to manage because of the many prior falling episodes. Ann had her hands full with her own father who was seriously ill and in the hospital. Times certainly were not auspicious. Taking care of 97-year-old Rita became a time consuming task. At this point Edwin Brown was still in fair health but it did nothing to quell the worry nor alleviate the responsibility if something did occur to him unexpectedly. It was decided that Rita must go into a nursing home. The Palmetto Extended Care Center located a few blocks from Edwin and Ann Brown's house in Miami was the facility they chose for her. Of course, Rita did not want to go and she unleashed a storm of protest. Nursing homes had the stigma of simply letting people "fade away." Rita wailed, she cried and she balked but there was no other recourse except to spend her last few months in a nursing home.

Quietly and alone, in the early morning hours on Sunday July 13, 1980, Marguerite Jule Pacetty Brown died.

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### **Aunt Rita**

Poem by Marikay Brown

I can remember  
when she was just another  
one of the aunts  
and that by marriage.  
There were many aunts and uncles  
in those days...  
although one aunt was special  
it was not she.

Now, with the passage of years  
they all are gone -  
my own parents, the aunts, the uncles.  
She alone remains.  
Now I bring her flowers  
and seek the sunshine of her years.  
Now I discover  
how precious she is.

This poem was written by Mary Katherine Brown Eldridge. Her poems, including this one, have been published in various poetry publications and literary magazines under the pen-name Marikay Brown.

This is a song Rita used to sing to me:

## COME LITTLE LEAVES

Come little leaves said the wind one day,  
Come ore the meadow with me and play.  
Put on your dresses of red and gold,  
Summer has gone and the days grow cold.

Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow  
Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow

Soon as the leaves heard the winds low call,  
Down they came fluttering one and all.  
Ore the brown meadow they danced and flew,  
Singing the soft little songs they knew:

Cricket goodbye, we've been friends so long,  
Little brook sing us your farewell song.  
Say you are sorry to see us go--  
Oh, you will miss us right well, we know!

Dear little lambs in your fleecy fold,  
Mother will keep you from harm and cold.  
Fondly we watched you in vale and glade,  
Say you will dream of our loving shade!

Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow  
Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow

Dancing and Twirling the little leaves went,  
Winter had called them and they were content.  
Soon fast asleep in their earthly beds,  
Snow made a coverlet over their heads.

Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow.  
Winter is coming Yo Ho Ho Ho  
Winter is coming with ice and snow.

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LINEAGE CONNECTIONS:

by Marguerite Marreé Mathews

BOOG:

JAMES BOOG was born in Dunbarney or Perth, Scotland ca. 1730. He was the son of **Andrew Boog**, a carpenter from Dunbarney, Perthshire, Scotland & **Katharine Scott** of Perth. He married **CHRISTINA ROSS** of Tain, Ross-shire (now the counties of Ross & Cromarty) on 24 March 1764. She was the daughter of **Murdo/Murdoch Ross** a merchant of Tain, Rosshire, Scotland & **Christian** or **Christina Simson** also of Tain. James Boog and Christina Ross had ten daughters and three sons: (1. **Catherine/Katherine Boog** b. 13 Feb. 1765, m. **William Rose** of Dornoch; 2. **Johanna Boog** b. 06 Jul. 1766, never married; 3. **David Boog** b. 07 Dec. 1767, died young; 4. **Clementina Boog** b. 11 (or 18) Dec. 1769, m. 1st **Samuel Gallie**, m. 2nd **Alexander Murdock**; 5. **Christina Boog** b. 21 Mar. 1771, m. **Robert Sutherland**; 6. **Margaret "Peggy" Boog** b. 15 Jun. 1772, m. **Alexander J. Grant** of Edinburgh; 7. **Barbara Boog** b. 04 (or 10) Sep. 1773, m. **John Ross**; 8. **Jean or Jane Boog** b. 21 Sep. 1774, never married; 9. **John Boog** b. 01 Dec. 1775, m. **Isabella Kelly~King Turner** of St. Marys, GA; 10. **Andrea Boog** b. 03 May 1777, m. **John McDonald** a schoolmaster in Dornoch; 11. **Mordina or Murdina Boog** b. 16 Jun. 1778, m. **James Scott** of County of Fife; 12. **Elizabeth Boog** b. 22 Oct. 1779, died young; 13. **James Boog Jr.** b. 03 Mar. 1781, died young). James Boog was carpenter and an architect. He and his family moved to Golspie on the coast of Sutherland where he was employed by the Duke of Sutherland to renovate Dunrobin Castle there. The Boogs rented and lived in another smaller castle from the Duke called Skelbo, located on Loch Fleet. Later, he and his family lived at Dornoch, Scotland, where he purchased a house on High Street. The house, still standing, is now a bookstore. James Boog died 06 March 1810 in Dornoch & is bur. at St. Andrews Churchyard in Golspie, Scotland (although as of July 2000 when I saw and photographed his tombstone, it unfortunately, had been so badly eroded by the elements that the engraving was entirely obliterated). Christina Ross Boog moved to a farm in Grumby, Rogart, Scotland, and died in 1817 in Scotland.

JOHN BOOG was baptized 01 December 1775 in Golspie, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, the son of **James Boog & Christina Ross**. In 1798, he emigrated from Scotland to Philadelphia, PA, and stayed there with his uncle, John Ross (his mother's brother) who was a merchant in Philadelphia and member of the PA State Legislature. John Ross died quite suddenly while giving a speech at the State House in Philadelphia. John Boog left Pennsylvania, wended his way down to Georgia, then settled in Camden County, GA. He became a United States citizen there in October 1803. He married **ISABELLA KELLY~KING (TURNER)** on 19 May 1814 in St. Marys, GA - seven children (listed). Isabella Kelly King was born 18 July 1791 in Falmouth, Jamaica, the daughter of **Robert Kelly & Margaret Faith**. After her parents died, she was adopted by her uncle & aunt,

Major Thomas King & Mary Elizabeth Faith King (her mother's sister) of Kings Bay Plantation in Camden County, GA. It was Major Thomas King - Justice of the Peace, powerful landowner & cotton merchant, owner of Kings Bay Plantation - who transposed her name. She 1st married **Dr. Daniel Turner** on 20 Jan. 1807 in St. Marys. He was born 20 Jan. 1782 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, son of **Dr. Peter Turner & Elizabeth Child**. He had come to St. Marys on a visit in the fall of 1804 but stayed to set up his medical practice. He was the leading physician in the county at that time when he died on 14 Oct. 1808 during an outbreak of yellow fever. He never saw his unborn child (**Mary Elizabeth/Eliza Turner** b. 12 Feb. 1809 St. Marys & d. 14 Nov. 1837, bur. Oak Grove Cem., m. 1st **William James Rose** 15 Jul. 1828, he was born 1795 & d. 1832, was the son of **Katherine Boog & William Rose** of Dornoch, Scotland; Mary Eliza m. 2nd **Dr. Frederick Joseph Judson** on 16 Dec. 1835). John Boog owned Antrim Plantation on Dark Entry near St. Marys, also known as "The Dark Entry tract" containing about 9,000 acres. He also owned: Tract on Catfish Creek cont. 200 acres; 12,937 acres on the Head of Spanish Creek; 6,643 acres bet. Catfish & Temple; 300 acres called Bryant Meadows; and another 3,712 acres near Coleraine. He owned several lots in St. Marys: Lot No. 2, bounded by Bryant, Wheeler & Seagrove Streets; two lots 50 x 100 ft. each; Lot No. 42 bounded by Connor, Wheeler, Weed, & Seagrove Streets containing four acres. He owned property on the north end of Cumberland Island. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the Volunteer Troop Light Dragoons (1st Cavalry Reg. of the GA State Militia). He was a merchant in St. Marys and conducted business in Savannah. He sailed to Scotland in 1816 for a visit with relatives there. For many years he was Deputy Marshall for the District Court in Camden County. John Boog died 11 September 1825; Isabella King Kelly Boog died 26 October 1825; both bur. Oak Grove Cem. in St. Marys, Camden County, GA (tombstones missing).

CHILDREN OF JOHN BOOG & ISABELLA KELLY~KING:

1. **JULIA ROSS BOOG** born 06 April 1815 at Kings Bay Plantation just outside of St. Marys, GA; married **CHARLES RINALDO FLOYD** (his 2nd wife) 09 September 1831 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA - seven children; she died 30 January 1852 at Bellevue Plantation; bur. at Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation, Camden Co., GA.
2. **CHRISTINA CATHERINE BOOG** born 14 September 1816 in St. Marys, GA; died 02 December 1816 in St. Marys, GA.
3. **ISABELLA BOOG "Belle"** born 11 October 1817 St. Marys, GA; never married; died 14 August 1842 in St. Marys, GA.
4. **JAMES THOMAS BOOG** (twin) born 09 October 1819 St. Marys, GA; died 20 December 1832 while on a visit with the Floyd family at Fairfield Plantation in Camden County, GA; bur. beside his parents at Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA (tombstone missing).

5. AUGUSTA KELLY BOOG (twin) born 09 October 1819 St. Marys, GA; married second cousin, **JOHN BOOG GALLIE** of Savannah, GA 08 November 1838 - five children; she died 13 July 1849.

6. MARGARET ANN BOOG born 04 February 1822 St. Marys, GA; married **HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD** 11 December 1839 in St. Marys, GA - one dau.; she died 24 October 1840 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA; she is bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA (tombstone missing).

7. MORDINA JANE BOOG born 14 December 1823 St. Marys, GA; married **HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD** 04 (or 07) July 1842 in St. Marys, GA - twelve children; she died 24 February 1862 at Clinton (her home by inheritance) nr. present-day Colesburg in Camden County, GA (although according to old letters it may have been nr. Tompkins or Silco); she is bur. at the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation, Camden Co., GA (tombstone missing).

FLOYD:

The Floyds claim descent from Llewellyn Floyd, one of the last of the Welsh Kings. Unsubstantiated Floyd Family legend asserts that at least three Floyd brothers came from Wales to Accomac and Northampton County around 1675, forming the foundation of this extensive family along the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Records reveal that the name Floyd appeared on Virginia's Eastern Shore in both Accomac and Northampton Counties before this date.

JOHN FLOYD may have been born in Wales; parents unknown. He married **MARY**, maiden name unknown. In 1668, he was granted land in Northampton County, VA & in 1681 and in 1687 he received patents for land on Hogg Island off the Eastern Shore. In 1687 his Will stipulated that his estate be divided among his widow, Mary, and his six children: (1. **John Floyd**; 2. **Charles Floyd** m. **Elizabeth**; 3. **Berry Floyd**; 4. **Matthew Floyd** m. **Sarah**; 5. **Sarah Floyd**; 6. **Esther Floyd**).

CHARLES FLOYD was possibly born in Northampton County, VA; was the second son of **John Floyd & Mary**. Married **ELIZABETH**, maiden name unknown. She died ca. 1720. He inherited land on Hogg Island from his father's estate. In 1710 and again from 1714-1718, he represented Accomac County in the House of Burgesses at Williamsburg in the Virginia Assembly. In 1718, his Will named his wife, Elizabeth, and eight children: (1. **John Floyd**; 2. **James Floyd**; 3. **Matthew Floyd** m. **Susanna Satchell**; 4. **Sarah Floyd**; 5. **Mary Floyd**; 6. **Hester Floyd**; 7. **Elizabeth Floyd**; 8. **Samuel Floyd** m. **Susan Dixon**).

SAMUEL FLOYD born about 1716-1718 in Northampton County, was the son of **Charles Floyd** of Northampton County & **Elizabeth**, last name unknown. In 1746 Samuel

Floyd married **SUSAN DIXON** of Northampton County. Susan Dixon was born in Northampton County, Virginia, the daughter of **Michael Dixon, Jr.** and **Elizabeth**, last name unknown. Samuel Floyd & Susan Dixon Floyd had three children: (1. **Samuel Floyd** who died young - a few sources list this child's name as John; 2. **Elizabeth Floyd** who married **Joshua Fitchett** and had five documented children; 3. **Charles Floyd** who married **Mary Fendin** and had only one son). Both Samuel Floyd & his wife, Susan Dixon Floyd died on the same day in 1753 in Northampton County, VA.

CHARLES FLOYD born 04 March 1747 in Northampton County, VA, was the son of **Samuel Floyd & Susan Dixon**. He married **MARY FENDIN** in 1768 in Charleston, SC. She was born 15 April 1747 in St. Helena Parish, SC; the daughter of **John Fendin, Jr. & Elizabeth Thomas** of Beaufort District, SC. In 1795 Charles Floyd & his wife, Mary, and John Floyd and his wife, Isabella Maria, moved from South Carolina to McIntosh Co., GA. They again moved in 1800 to Camden County, where they purchased large tracts of land located on the south side of the Satilla River, north of the Crooked River and west of the marshes of the Cumberland River. Here, in this area now known as Floyd's Neck, they built two plantations one mile apart: "Fairfield" and "Bellevue." Mary Fendin Floyd died on 18 September 1804 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden County, GA; Charles Floyd died 09 September 1820 at Bellevue Plantation; both bur. in the Floyd Family Cemetery located nr. Fairfield Plantation in Camden County, GA.

Charles Floyd & Mary Fendin had one son, **JOHN FLOYD**, born 03 October 1769 at Hilton Head, SC. John Floyd married **ISABELLA MARIA HAZZARD** on 12 December 1793 at Beaufort District, SC - 12 children (listed). Isabella Maria Hazzard born 03 January 1773 in St. Marys, GA (a few sources list her place of birth in Beaufort, SC; however, she was born in GA). She was the daughter of **Richard Hazzard** of Beaufort District, SC & **Phoebe Loftain/Loften/Loftin** of Florida. After her mother died, Isabella Maria was adopted by her father's cousin, **Sarah Hazzard Waight**, of Beaufort Dist., SC. John Floyd died 24 June 1839 at Bellevue Plantation & is bur. in the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation in Camden County, GA; Isabella Maria Hazzard died 08 August 1859 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden County, GA.

CHILDREN OF JOHN FLOYD & ISABELLA MARIA HAZZARD:

1. **CHARLES FLOYD** born 19 October 1794 in Beaufort, SC; son of his father & his mother.
2. **MARY HAZZARD FLOYD** born 01 October 1795 in McIntosh Co., GA; she is the author of "A Little Family History" an in-

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married 1st **CATHERINE SOPHIA POWELL** 22 May 1823 in Boston, MA - two children; married 2nd **JULIA ROSS BOOG** 09 September 1831 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA - seven children; he died 22 March 1845 and is buried under a pine tree at the site of Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA.

4. **SARAH CATHERINE WIGG FLOYD** born 12 December 1799 in McIntosh Co., GA; married **Dr. AMIE DELAROCHEAULION** 28 February 1822 at Fairfield Plantation in CCG - three children; he was born 08 June 1797 in Dinan, France & died 06 October 1858 in GA - buried at the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation; she died 08 May 1876 in Savannah, GA & is buried at Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah, GA.

5. **JOHN FENDIN FLOYD** born 25 January 1802 in Camden Co., GA; married **ANN HUNT ALSTON** 03 December 1829 in Sparta, GA - no issue; he was shot by Allen B. Powell over a political misunderstanding on 25 January 1830 in Darien, GA; buried at the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA.

6. **SUSAN LODVISKI DIXON FLOYD** born 07 March 1804 in Camden Co., GA; married **BENJAMIN HOPKINS** 28 February 1822 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA - ten children; he was born 04 January 1802 at Daufuskie Island, SC & died 1862 in St. Augustine, FL; she died 27 December 1873 in Jacksonville, FL; both buried at Old City Cemetery in Jacksonville, FL.

7. **CAROLINE/CAROLINA ELIZA LOUISA FLOYD** born 07 July 1806 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA; married **MAJOR JAMES HAMILTON BLACKSHEAR** 02 July 1828 at Bellevue Plantation in CCG - four children; he was born 04 November 1805 in Laurens Co., GA & died 23 February 1845 in Laurens Co., GA - buried at Springfield Plantation there; she died July 1877 in Macon, GA.

8. **WILLIAM HENRY FLOYD** born 02 May 1808 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden County, GA; died 31 October 1814 at Bellevue Plantation & is bur. at the Floyd Fam. Cem. in CCG.

9. **RICHARD FERDINAND FLOYD** born 07 July 1810 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA; married **MARY ANN CHEVALIER** 16 December 1831 at St. Marys - three children; she was born 05 September 1813 at St. Marys & died 30 May 1894 Green Cove Springs; he died 27 May 1870 in Green Cove Springs; both buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Green Cove Springs, FL.

10. **MELINDA ISABELLA FLOYD** born 12 (or 20) March 1812 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA; married **WILLIAM PROCTOR HOPKINS** 08 September 1831 at Bellevue Plantation in CCG - no issue; she died 14 October 1831 - was poisoned by her maid - buried at the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA.

11. **SAMUEL AUGUSTUS FLOYD** 09 born January 1814 in GA; never married; died 16

February 1878 in St. Marys, GA.

12. HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD born 11 December 1817 at Fairfield Plantation in Camden Co., GA; married 1st **MARGARET ANN BOOG** 11 December 1839 in St. Marys - one daughter; married 2nd **MORDINA JANE BOOG** 04 (or 07) July 1842 in CCG - twelve children (listed); he died at Clinton in the home of his daughter, Catherine "Pat" Sophia Floyd Russell and her husband, John Swan Russell in Camden County, GA on 25 February 1873 and is buried at Temple Bluff Cemetery (gravestone missing) on the St. Marys River.

CHILD OF HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD & MARGARET ANN BOOG:

1. SUSAN LODVISKI/MARY ROSE FLOYD "Thurza" born 03 October 1840 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA; she changed her name from Susan L. to Mary Rose - most correspondence is written to Mary Rose - she is the author of several short stories: "Branley Farms," "Sambre Mande," "The Kings Highway"; married **ALBERT GRAVES** on 14 August 1879 at Oleander, FL, in the home of her sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd; one daughter: (1. Jule Oleander Graves); they lived at Matanzas, FL; he was born 1848 in Dawson, GA & died 16 January 1918 in St. Augustine, FL; she died 01 May 1901 in McKees Rocks, PA; both buried at Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA.

CHILDREN OF HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD AND MORDINA JANE BOOG:

1. MARGARET ISABELLA FLOYD "Bridge" born Tuesday 20 June 1843 at Bellevue Plantation; married **LEWIS DAVID PACETTI** of Cherry Point, GA, on 19 February 1866 in St. Marys, GA - six children; she died 24 March 1892 at Cherry Point; buried in an unmarked grave at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys. Children listed under PACETTY.

2. CATHERINE/KATHERINE SOPHIA FLOYD "Pat" "Aunt Kate" born 10 January 1845 at Greenfield, FL; married Judge **JOHN SWANN RUSSELL** 10 December 1868 in CCG - nine children (1. John Randolph Russell, 2. Harry Clement Russell, 3. Rosa Lee Russell, 4. James Floyd Russell, 5. Augusta Gowan Russell, 6. Julia Myrick Russell, 7. Colquitt George Russell, 8. Mordina Florida Russell, 9. Martha Russell); lived at Clinton, the residence inherited by Mordina Jane Boog Floyd, located near Colesburg according to a few sources; also lived in either Silco or in Tomkins in Camden County, GA; he was born 04 September 1845 in Nassau County, FL & died 31 May 1917 in St. Marys; she died 19 December 1908; both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

3. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS FLOYD "Sam" born 17 February 1846 at Fairfield Plantation in CCG; married **THERESA POHLMAN** 28 November 1872 at Apalachicola, FL - six children (1. Augusta Rosalie Floyd, 2. Charles Henry/Harry Bourke Floyd, 3. Caroline Pohlman Floyd, 4. James Hamilton Couper Floyd, 5. Mordina Catherine Floyd, 6. Theresa Hazzard Floyd) ; she died 1932 in Apalachicola, FL; he died 20 June 1902 in Atlanta, GA; both bur. in Floyd plot in Magnolia Cem., Apalachicola, FL.

4. AUGUSTA GALLIE FLOYD "Gus" "Auntie" "Gran" born 11 February 1848 at Fairfield Plantation, CCG; never married; after leaving Camden County, lived in the house built by her brother, Hal, called "Villa Vista" or "Buena Vista" and later in her own house 1/4 mile from her brother's called "Oleander" - both at Moccasin Branch which is located near Tocol on the St. Johns River in St. Johns County, FL; after 1892, lived at 54 Water Street in St. Augustine, FL; she wrote a dairy beginning September 16, 1872 and ending November 28, 1913 vividly depicting people, circumstances, situations, and events; she died 12 July 1926 in St. Augustine & is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

5. HENRY CLAY/HENRY HAMILTON FLOYD, Jr. "Hal" born 02 October 1849 at Bellevue Plantation in CCG; married **ISADORA "Dora" JANE ROGERO** 14 December 1871 at Moccasin Branch in St. Johns County, FL - seven children (1. Fe Hyacinth Floyd, 2. Francis Guilmartin Floyd, 3. Albert Joseph Floyd, 4. Samuel Augustus Floyd, 5. Mordina Jeanette Floyd, 6. Henry Hamilton Floyd III, 7. Isabella Hazzard Floyd); built "Buena Vista" or "Villa Vista"; she was born 04 April 1856 in St. Johns Co. & died 01 October 1900 at Moccasin Branch; he died 03 December 1916 in St. Augustine, FL; both buried at St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery, Moccasin Branch, FL.

6. JAMES BLACKSHEAR/BOOG FLOYD "Jim" born 24 December 1850 at Fairfield Plantation in CCG; married **LEOLA NISBET** 19 December 1895 at Eatonton, GA - no issue; she was born 19 November 1868 in Eatonton, GA & died 18 May 1913; he died 12 February 1912 in Savannah, GA; both buried at Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA.

7. THOMAS BOURKE FLOYD "Bourkie" born 23 May 1852 at Bellevue Plantation in CCG; married **FRANCES/FANNIE ANN PERKINS** 22 June 1887 in Savannah, GA - six children (1. Marmaduke Hamilton Floyd, 2. Ida Floyd, 3. Frances Perkins Floyd, 4. Thomas Bourke Floyd Jr., 5. Augusta Gallie Floyd, 6. James Boog Floyd); lived at Pineora outside of Savannah, GA; she was born 10 January 1861 in Millan, GA & died 21 April 1905 in Savannah; he died 28 January 1930 in Savannah; both buried at Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA.

8. RANDOLPH McDONALD FLOYD "Dolphy" born 24 November 1853 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA; died 19 October 1865.

9. JULIA ELIZABETH ROSS FLOYD "Jule" born 09 March 1855 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden Co., GA; married **EDWARD "Ned" PRESCOTT NOYES** on 15 June 1880 at Oleander, FL, in the home of her sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd; eight children (1. Alonzo Brown Noyes, 2. Harry Floyd Noyes, 3. Edward Prescott Noyes Jr., 4. Hazlehurst Ross Noyes, 5. Francis Cowan Noyes, 6. Ella Thackara Noyes, 7. Dorothy Estelle Noyes, 8. Alexander Foster Noyes); lived at Satilla Bluff, GA - house faced the Satilla River; lived in Fernandina, FL and in Savannah, GA; he was born 28 August 1852 in Madison, FL & died 13 December 1914 in Savannah; she died 20 February 1929 in Fernandina, FL; both buried at Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah, GA.

10. MORDINA JANE FLOYD "Maud" born 20 April 1856 at Bellevue Plantation in CCG; married **BENJAMIN BOYKIN DANCY** of Buena Vista, FL on 08 May 1877 at Oleander, FL, in the home of her sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd; she died 13 March 1878 at Buena Vista in FL due to complications of childbirth; both mother and child buried in the Dancy Family plot in St. Johns County, FL.

11. ISABELLA MARIA HAZZARD FLOYD "Belle" born 29 September 1858 in CCG; married **WILLIAM JOHN EVANS** 25 November 1885 at Oleander, FL, in the home of her sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd; two children (1. Estelle Floyd Evans, 2. Randolph Aubrey Evans); he was born 06 January 1858 in Montreal, Canada & died 03 December 1920 - buried in Alberta, Canada; she died 22 May 1889 at Oleander, FL of consumption and was bur. 29 May 1889 at the Floyd Fam. Cem. nr. the site of Fairfield Plantation in Camden County, GA.

12. GEORGIA ESTELLE FLOYD "Ted" "Teddie" born 22 January 1862 at Clinton, home of Mordina Jane Boog Floyd in Camden County, GA; married **JOHN "Jack" ALEXANDER FOSTER** 14 June 1882 at Oleander, FL, in the home of her sister, Augusta Gallie Floyd; eight children (1. Bourke Floyd Foster, 2. Ruth L. Foster, 3. Katharine Russell Foster, 4. Ida Hilton Foster, 5. James Lachlison Foster, 6. Jule Noyes Foster, 7. Alexine Foster, 8. Infant girl Foster); he was born 05 August 1852 Savannah (he m. 2nd Augusta Gowen Russell, dau. of John Swan Russell & Catherine "Pat" Sophia Floyd); he died 15 September 1948 in Savannah & is buried Bonaventure Cem. Savannah, GA; she died 16 January 1895 at Satilla Bluff in Camden County, GA in childbirth & is buried at Ceylon Cemetery in Camden County, GA.

PACETTI:

In 1768, Andres Paxeti/Pacetti was among that group of 110 Italians recruited by Dr. Andrew Turnbull in the port city of Livorno, Italy to work on his vast indigo plantation established in New Smyrna, Florida. The Italians were ensconced in Mahon, Minorca waiting for Turnbull while he scouted the Mediterranean seeking Greeks for his project. During their eight month wait, many Italians married Minorcan women, increasing the number of people included in this enterprise. About 1403 Italians, Minorcans and Greeks sailed from their homelands across the Atlantic to an unknown future in the New World. In New Smyrna, FL, the people were mistreated, toiled incessantly, were refused time away from the fields in order to hunt or fish so that many perished from starvation. The colonists had been deceived as to their tasks, the length of their contracts, and the promises of land grants negated. After nine years of continued exploitation, cruel punishments and severe oppression, they appealed to the governor of then British St. Augustine for justice and were released from this binding existence. In 1777, the entire group of survivors marched up the Kings Highway to freedom in St. Augustine, FL, to begin a new existence. Two Italians to make this fantastic journey from Italy via Mahon, Minorca to Florida were Andres Paxeti and Josef/Giuseppe Bonelly.

ANDRES PAXETI was the son of **Tomas Paxeti & Clara Maria Changaroti**, both of Italy; he was born about 1746-1752 in Trapani, Sicily (Sicily, during that time-frame was in "The Region of Naples"). He married **GERTRUDIS PONS** on 17 March 1768 in Mahon, Minorca - five children (listed). (NOTE: The language of the Minorcans is Catalan. However, during the Second Spanish Period (1783-1821) in East Florida, the predominant language was Spanish. In referring to those who sailed with the Turnbull group from Minorca to Florida, most people lump them together without differentiation and call them all simply, "Minorcans"). Gertrudis Pons was born in Mahon, Minorca, parents unknown; undocumented birth date from records of A.N. Manucy - 02 January 1753. She died on 06 October 1784 in St. Augustine, FL & is probably buried in Tolomato Cemetery. He died on 01 March 1818 in St. Augustine, FL & is probably buried in Tolomato Cemetery.

1. CLARA MARIA PAXETI born 24 December 1772 in New Smyrna (los Mosquitos), San Pedro Parish, FL; married **DIEGO CARRERAS** on 29 May 1787 in St. Augustine, FL - four children: (**1. Maria Dolores Carreras** b. 12 Jul. 1788 St. Augustine, FL, listed on 1814 census in Fernandina, Amelia Island, FL; **2. Gertrudis Francisca Maria Magdalena Carreras** b. 09 Mar. 1791 St. Aug., FL, m. **Pedro Pons** 15 Jun. 1810 in St. Aug., fam. listed on 1814 census in Fernandina, Amelia Island, FL; **3. Juan Domingo Venancio Carreras** b. 01 Apr. 1793 St. Aug., FL; **4. Andres Bernardo de los Santos Carreras** b. 01 Nov. 1797 St. Aug., FL & d. 03 Jul. 1799 St. Aug., FL). Diego Carreras was born ca. 1761-1763 in Leon, Minorca, son of **Juan Carreras & Antonia Triay/Triai**, both of Minorca. Clara Maria was listed in household of her dau. & son-in-law on the 1814 census for Fernandina, Amelia Island, FL; no death dates for either.

2. TOMAS PAXETI born 10 February 1776 in New Smyrna (los Mosquitos), San Pedro Parish, FL; married **MARIA CATALINA BONELLY** 16 November 1801 in St. Augustine, FL - five sons (listed separately below). She was born 29 February 1784 in St. Augustine, FL, the daughter of **Giuseppe/Josef Bonelli/Bonelly** of Italy & **Maria Moll** of Ciudadela, Minorca. Tomas Paxeti, Maria and their sons probably moved to St. Marys between 1811 and 1817 before the last son, John, was born. Tomas Paxeti died exact date & place unknown. "Mary" Persity [sic] and her sons were listed on an 1820 Camden County Census alone. Maria "Mary" Bonelly Paxeti married 2nd **Joseph S. Arnau/Arnaw** in St. Marys, GA - two sons: (**1. Columbus I. Arnaw**; **2. George J. Arnaw**). Joseph Sebastian Montiano Arnaw was born 24 March 1798 in St. Augustine, FL, son of **Jose Anrau & Maria Magdalena Manusi/Manucy**. Maria "Mary" Catalina Bonelly Paxeti Arnaw died before or in 1835 & is buried in St. Marys, Camden County, GA.

3. MARIA MAGDALENA PAXETI born 30 December 1778 St. Augustine, FL; married **MARTIN PELLICER** on 05 February 1799 in St. Augustine, FL - five children: (**1. Martin Tomas Cipriano Pellicer** b. 26 Sep. 1800 St. Aug., FL & d. 05 Aug. 1801 St. Aug., FL; **2. Andres Matias Corilo Magin Pellicer** b. 09 Jul. 1802 St. Aug., FL; **3. Tomas Josef Valentin Pellicer** b. 14 Feb. 1805 St. Aug., FL; **4. Luis Martin Pellicer** b. 25 Jul. 1809 St. Aug., FL; **5. Maria de la Cruz Ignacia Pellicer** b. 09 May 1812 St. Aug., FL). Martin

Pellicer was born ca. 1766 in either Leon or Mahon, Minorca, son of **Martin Pellicer & Antonia Murillo**, both of Minorca. He died 19 October 1812 in St. Augustine, FL. No death dates found for Maria Magdalena.

4. GERTRUDIS ROSA PAXETI born 16 May 1781 St. Augustine, FL; married **PEDRO CAPO** on 27 April 1795 in St. Augustine, FL - nine children (**1. Juan Cayetano Capo** b. 07 Aug. 1797 St. Aug., FL, never m.; **2. Esperanza Agueda Magina Capo** b. 09 Nov. 1799 St. Aug., FL; **3. Gertrudis Rosa Luisa Capo** b. 19 Aug. 1802 St. Aug., FL, never m.; **4. Maria Dionicia Capo** b. 09 Oct. 1805 St. Aug., FL; **5. Dionicia Estefania Geronima Capo** b. 26 Dec. 1807 St. Aug., FL, m. **Thomas Collier** - six kids; **6. Prudencia Gertrudis Capo** b. 28 Apr. 1810 St. Aug., FL, m. **Josef S. Arnow** - his 2nd wife - six kids; **7. Andres Esteban Capo** b. 03 Sep. 1812 St. Aug., FL, m. **Hermengilda** in Cuba - 2 kids; **8. Maria Dorotea Capo** b. 06 Feb. 1819 in FL, m. **Gabriel Serafio Paxeti** 07 Feb. 1844 - 2 kids; **9. Patricia Maria Capo** b. 16 Mar. 1824 FL, never m.). Pedro Capo was born 30 September 1772 New Smyrna (los Mosquitos), San Pedro Parish, FL, son of **Juan Capo & Esperanza Moll**. Capo fam. was listed on the 1814 census for Fernandina, Amelia Island, FL.

5. MARIA JOSEFA DOROTEA PAXETI born 24 January 1784 in St. Augustine, FL; died not long after she was born.

BONELLY:

JOSEF/JOSE/JOSEPH/GIUSEPPE BONELLI/BONELLY was born in Livorno, Tuscany, Italy ca. 1757 (age = 54 on Cathedral Parish Death Record), the son of **Tomas Bonelly & Maria Mariano/Mariana**, both of Italy. Josef Bonelly was one of the 110 Italians who emigrated with the Turnbull group in 1768 from Italy via Mahon, Minorca to New Smyrna, FL. He married **MARIA MOLL/MOLLAR** before Feb. 1775 in New Smyrna (los Mosquitos), San Pedro Parish, FL; marriage record not found - Fr. Pedro Camps' Marriage Records begin in 1776. Both were listed as sponsors on baptismal record of Francisco Gabardi on 12 Feb. 1775 (Ent. #06 Golden Bk. = 1st record which listed couple together!) - ten children (listed). **Maria Moll** was born ca. 1754 in Ciudadela, Minorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, dau. of **Antonio Moll & Maria {or Antonia} Cabrisas** (Cathedral Parish Record #32 = birth record for son Juan Josef Bonelly; & age 60, widow, on 1814 East FL Spanish census). The preponderance of records shows that the name is spelled BONELLY or BONELY (42 records with the "y" ending and only 9 records with the "i" ending). Josef Bonelly had acquired property in Volusia Co., FL - 600 acres on Turnbull Bay & on the same day was granted another ten acres at North Wharf on the Mosquito River. He was granted the land on 24 Sept. 1796 - a special grant offered by Gov. Quesada through a Royal Order issued by the King of Spain (*Hist. of Volusia Co. FL*, by P. D. Gold). In 1799 he was granted 600 acres at Matanzas Bar, which he called "Buen Retiro." He and his older son, Tomas, farmed the plantation. In 1802, while Josef Bonelly was away on business, the Miccosukee Indians raided the plantation, scalped his son,

Tomas Bonelly, then took Mrs. Bonelly and the younger children captive. They were taken to a camp somewhere along the West Coast of FL. Mrs. Bonelly and three children were detained seven months. A ransom was demanded - Josef Bonelly paid \$300.00 to free his family. The Indians thought it insufficient and kept the two older children captive - Joseph and Antonia Paula. Joseph made his escape by a circuitous route from Pensacola, New Orleans, Cuba and then to St. Augustine. Antonia Paula was detained fifteen more months, after which Josef Bonelly finally sent the additional \$200.00 ransom money. Antonia Paula Bonelly was released (in Dec. 1803) to her brother-in-law, Tomas Pacetti, who brought her back to St. Augustine (*American State Papers*, "Documents Legislative & Executive of the US" - Military Affairs Vol. VI). Joseph Bonelly died 02 September 1811 in St. Aug., FL (Cathedral Parish Record=CPR #36). Maria Moll died aft. 1819 (*East FL Papers* Reel 168 Bundle 363).

1. TOMAS/THOMAS BONELLI born 13 Nov. 1776 New Smyrna, San Pedro Parish, FL; bapt. 13 Nov. 1776 by Fr. Pedro Camps; sponsors: Antonio Moll & Antonia Moll (Ent. #10 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans). **Tomas Bonelly** died 21 Jan. 1802 - Killed (scalped) by Mickasuky [sic] Indians while fam. was living in the country [Matanzas]; his body was lying in the marketplace after having been brought to St. Augustine by boat (*American State Papers - Documents, Legislative & Executive of US* - "Military Affairs" Vol. VI, No. 690 p. 500, pub. by Gales & Seaton 1861); "su muerte en el Campo y tan violenta, como dada por Manos de Indios..." signed by Fr. Miguel O'Reilly (Cathedral Parish Record #320).

2. MARIA CATALINA BONELLI born 22 Nov. 1778 St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 29 Nov. 1778 by Fr. Pedro Camps; sponsors: Francisco Pellicer & Catarina Femanias (Ent. #16 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans). She died (n.d.) "**This child died instantly**" (According to records of Eleanor P. Barnes, genealogist, St. Augustine, FL - no citation listed); no further records found on this child in St. Aug. or elsewhere.

3. ANTONIO FRANCISCO BONELLI "Tony" born 11 Jul. 1780 St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 12 Jul. 1780 by Fr. Pedro Camps; sponsors: Francisco Pellicer & Margarita Pellicer (Ent. #23 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans). He died in Cuba? In 1819 his mother, Maria Bonelly, sold property in St. Augustine "in his absence" (*East FL Papers* Reel 168 Bundle 363); in a sworn deposition given to Govt. authorities by Antonia Paula Bonelly Leonardy in 1835 regarding the Miccosukee Indian attack on the Bonelly family: "...brother-in-law, Thomas Pacety, is long since dead, sister Mary resides at St. Marys, Georgia, and that the rest of the family that are living reside in the Island of Cuba" (*American State Papers - Documents, Legislative & Executive of US* - "Military Affairs" Vol. VI, No. 690 p. 500).

4. ANTONIA TERESA BONELLI born 21 Apr. 1782 St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 20 Oct. 1782 St. Augustine, FL by Fr. Pedro Camps; sponsors: Francisco Pellicer & Teresa Famanias (Ent. #20 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans).

5. MARIA CATALINA/CATARINA ANTONIA BONELLI "Mary" born 29 Feb. 1784 St.

Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 05 Mar. 1784 by Fr. Pedro Camps; sponsors: Aloysius Boxentini & Catarina Boxentini (Ent. #10 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans). **Maria Catalina Bonelly** Marr. 1st **TOMAS PAXETI/PACETTI** 16 Nov. 1801 in St. Augustine, FL (Cathedral Parish Record #204) - 5 sons (**1. Andres Angelo Paxeti/Pacetti "Andrew"; 2. Jose Antonio Casildo Pacety/Pacetti "Joseph"; 3. Thomas Antonio Pacetti; 4. Santos Dionisio Pasety/Pacetti "Dennis"; 5. John Pacetti**). Tomas Paxeti/Pacetti was born 10 Feb. 1776 in New Smyrna (los Mosquitos), San Pedro Parish, FL, son of **Andres Paxeti** of Trápani, Sicily, Italy & **Gertrudis Pons** of Mahón, Minorca, Balearic Islands, Spain (Ent. #03 Golden Bk. of the Minorcans) - both came to New Smyrna, FL with the Turnbull colonists in 1768. No definitive death date for Tomas Paxeti. **Maria "Mary" Pacetti** marr. 2nd **JOSEF/JOSEPH SEBASTIAN MONTIANO ARNAU/ARNOW** ca. Sep. 1822 St. Marys, Camden Co., GA - 2 sons: (**1. Columbus I. Arnow** b. 13 Jul. 1823 St. Marys, GA, m. Caroline Lamb 1848 in Brunswick, GA - no issue, he d. 1852; **2. George J. Arnow** b. 15 Sep. 1825 St. Marys, GA, m. Esther Leona Lamb 10 Mar. 1838 in Brunswick, GA - 13 kids, he d. 1906 in FL & is bur. Micanopy Cem., Micanopy, FL). Josef Arnau was b. 24 Mar. 1798 in St. Augustine, FL, son of **Jose Arnau** of Arrabal, San Felipe, Minorca & **Maria Magdalena Manusi/Manucy** of St. Augustine, FL (Cathedral Parish Record #433). **Mary Paxeti Arnow** died in or just prior to 1835 St. Marys, GA & is bur. St. Marys, Camden Co., GA. Josef Arnow Marr. 2nd **PRUDENCIA GERTRUDIS CAPO** (niece of Tomas Paxeti) ca. 1835 in St. Marys, GA - 6 kids (*Pacetty Lineage*, by Marguerite M. Mathews, 1995; copies in Huxford Genealogy Lib., Homerville, GA; Bryan-Lang Hist. Lib., Woodbine, GA; St. Aug. Hist. Lib., St. Augustine, FL). Joseph Arnow d. 28 May 1883 (*Camden's Challenge - A History of Camden County, Georgia*, by Marguerite Godley Reddick, 1976 & 1993 eds., pub. by Camden Co. Hist. Commission) & is bur. Oak Grove Cem., St. Marys, Camden Co., GA.

6. ANTONIA PAULA de la RESURRECCION BONELLI "Antonia" born 16 Apr. 1786 St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL ; bapt. 07 Jun. 1786 by Fr. Michael O'Reilly; sponsor: Paulus Catafal, 2nd Lt. of the Mt. Soldiers, Barcelona, Spain (Cathedral Parish Record #69). In 1802 family was captured by Miccosukee Indians during a raid on the Bonelly farm which was located at Matanzas just outside of St. Augustine; they were held for ransom; Antonia was released last. On 19 Dec. 1803 St. Aug., FL - Maria Antonia Demecia Bonelly was born = dau. by Miccosukee Indian Medicine Doctor, the child died in 1810. **Antonia Bonely** Marr. **BARTOLOME JOSEF LEONARDY** 26 Jul. 1808 St. Aug. FL (CPR #106) - 11 kids (**1. Agueda "Agatha" Maria Epifania Leonardy** b. 07 Apr. 1809 St. Aug., FL twin & d. 01 Jan. 1861, m. **Reuben Henry Pinkham** 07 Nov. 1833 - 8 kids; **2. Epifania Maria Antonia Leonardy** b. 07 Apr. 1809 St. Aug., FL twin & d. bef. 1850, m. **James B. P. Haskins** of Charleston, SC in 1832 - 5 kids; **3. Julio Gaspar Leonardy** b. 12 Apr. 1811 St. Aug., FL; **4. Maria Basilisa Leonardy** b. 15 Apr. 1814 St. Aug., FL, m. **John Rose** of Scotland 31 Mar. 1835 - 8 kids; **5. Laureana Francisca Leonardy** b. 04 Jul. 1816 St. Aug., FL, m. **Anton Bengt Osmundsen = William Monson** 15 Jan. 1838 - 7 kids; **6. Bartolome Pablo del Pilar Leonardi** b. 12 Oct. 1818 St. Aug., FL, m. 2nd **Mary Ann Kemp** of Key West, FL 23 Feb. 1846 - six kids; **7. Florencia "Florence" Josefa**

Leonardy b. 07 Nov. 1820 St. Aug., FL & d. Tampa, FL, m. 1st **Charles Haager** of Germany - 7 kids, m. 2nd **Louis Bell Jr.** of Tampa, FL - 2 kids; **8. Vicente "Vincent" Andres Leonardy** b. 21 Jan. 1823 St. Aug., FL & d. nr. Tampa, m. **Venancia "Nancie" Andreu** 19 Apr. 1847 St. Aug., FL - 4 kids; **9. Mamerto Felipe "Philip" Leonardy** b. 11 May 1825 St. Aug., FL; **10. Juana "Jane" Nepomucena Rafaela Leonardy** b. 16 May 1827 St. Aug., FL & d. Tampa, m. 1st **Stephen Lacy**, m. 2nd **Robert Canning** of Scotland 28 Jul 1853 - 6 kids; **11. Teodosia "Theo" Antonia Leonardy** b. 28 May 1830 St. Aug., FL & d. nr. Tampa, m. **Juan Felipe Andreu = John Philip Andrews** 16 Aug. 1850 - 6 kids). **Bartolome Josef Leonardy** was born 21 Sep. 1782 St. Aug., FL, son of **Roque Leonardy/Leonardi** of Modena (or Garsona), Italy & **Agueda Coll** of Mahón, Minorca (Ent. #17 Golden Bk.) - both came to New Smyrna, FL with the Turnbull colonists in 1768. Bartolome Leonardy died 23 Jul 1844; Antonia Leonardy died 15 Apr. 1870 while sitting in her rocking chair in living room of "The Coquina House" at 56 Marine St. (CPR #10; Letters to Marguerite M. Mathews, Raleigh, NC from Slade Pinkham, St. Augustine, FL); both bur. San Lorenzo Cem., St. Augustine, FL.

7. JOSE FRANCISCO JUAN BONELLI "Joseph" born 27 Jan. 1788 St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 17 May 1788 St. Augustine, FL by Fr. Michael O'Reilly; sponsors: Franciscus Arnau & Clara Pretos (Cathedral Parish Record #200).

8. TERESA MARIA ROSA BONELLY "Theresa" born 15 Oct. 1790 St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 21 Feb. 1791 St. Augustine, FL by Fr. Thomas Hassett; sponsors: Pedro Cosifachi & Maria Rosa Generini (Cathedral Parish Record #433). Marr. **Mr. ROBINSON** - at least 1 child (*Spanish Land Grants* "Claims Confirmed A-B-C" p. 189-191). Theresa Bonelly died aft. 1830 (listed on 1830 St. Johns Co. FL census; not listed in 1840).

9. CATARINA/CATALINA MARTHA BONELLY "Catherine" born 30 Mar. 1792 St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 30 Apr. 1793 St. Augustine, FL by Fr. Thomas Hassett; sponsors: Santos Rodriguez & Antonia Cabrizes (Cathedral Parish Record #75); died 07 Sep. 1803 St. Augustine, FL (Cathedral Parish Record #341).

10. JUAN JOSEF BONELLY "John" born 14 Apr. 1800 St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL; bapt. 01 May 1800 by Fr. Miguel O'Reilly; sponsors: Santos Rodriguez & Maria Bonelly (Cathedral Parish Record #32). He was listed on 1820 Camden Co. GA census schedule - as was his sister, Mary (Bonelly) Pacetti. No further records found.

CHILDREN OF TOMAS PAXETI & MARIA CATALINA BONELLY:

1. ANDRES ANGELO PAXETI/PACETTI "Andrew" born 02 October 1802 in St. Augustine; married 1st **CHARLOTTE SMITH** on 05 February in Camden County, GA - two children. Charlotte Smith was the dau. of **James Smith** & wife unknown; (& she was the sister of Patience "Patsy" Martha J. Smith who had married Otis P. Campbell). He married 2nd **CATALINA/CATHARINE ANDREU** on 14 June 1832 in St. Augustine, FL - nine children. He died 08 November 1872 in Savannah, GA; she died 16 March 1892 in

Savannah; both bur. Catholic Cem., Savannah, GA.

1. **Mary Eliza C. Pacetti** born 18 July 1827; married **Josef Francis Manucy** 11 October 1847 in St. Augustine, FL - one child.

2. **Adolphus Newton Pacetti** born 10 July 1829 in St. Marys, GA; married **Amelia Louisa Raphaela Monson** 06 Nov. 1867 in St. Aug., FL - four children. She was b. 24 Oct. 1839 St. Aug., FL, dau. of **William Monson & Laureana Francisca Leonardy**. He d. 10 May 1913; she d. 02 Jan. 1936; both bur. San Lorenzo Cem., St. Augustine, FL.

3. **Andrew T. Pacetti** born ca. 1833 in GA; married **Bonita Isabella Masters** 12 Nov. 1855 St. Aug., FL - 6 kids. She was b. 1840 & d. 1878 in Chatham Co., GA; he died 1907 Chatham Co., GA.

4. **Rosilee Pacetti** born ca. 1835 in GA; married **R. M. Moore** 05 Mar. 1854 in Savannah, GA.

5. **Ysabel/Isabel "Belle" Pacetti** born 17 April 1837; bapt. 05 Aug. 1838 in St. Augustine, FL; married **Lewis M. Collier** 21 Mar. 1854 Chatham Co., GA. He was the son of **Thomas Collier & Maria Dionicia Capo**.

6. **Juan Tomas Pacetti "John T."** born 06 February 1840; bapt. 16 February 1840 in St. Augustine, FL; married **Ellen Goodbread** 19 Dec. 1868 in Glynn Co., GA.

7. **Emerenciana Ildefonsa Pacetti "Mary Ann"** born 23 January 1843; bapt. 06 February 1843 in St. Augustine, FL.

8. **Alexandro Anna Pacetti "Alex"** born 28 July 1845; bapt. 06 August 1845 in St. Augustine, FL.

9. **Geronima Antonia Pacetti "Jemima"** born 08 March 1848; bapt. 18 March 1848 in St. Augustine, FL.

10. **Catherine Ann Pacetti** born 25 Jan. 1854 Savannah, GA; married **Jesse Augustus Wilder** - 7 kids. He was b. ca. 1850. She died 25 Jul. 1924 in Jacksonville, FL.

11. **Thomas Augustus Pacetti** born 13 Mar. 1859 Savannah, GA; married 1st **Lula Willette** on 03 December 1883 - 1 kid. She died 20 March 1887. He m. 2nd **Sarah Willette** on 18 February 1891 - 1 kid. She died 23 October 1922. He died 18 Oct. 1922 in Muskogee Co., GA.

2. **JOSE ANTONIO CASILDO PACETY/PACETTI "Joseph"** born 04 September 1804 in St. Augustine, FL; married **MARIA BAYA** about 1833 in St. Augustine; Joseph died 17 March 1886 and Maria Baya Pacetti died 28 November 1892; both bur. at San Lorenzo

Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

1. **Eugenia Pacetti** born ca. 1834 in St. Augustine, FL; married **Charles F. Perpall** 22 May 1854 St. Aug., FL - 6 kids. She d. 29 Nov. 1926; he d. 17 Aug. 1930.

2. **Joseph Pacetti** born 07 April 1837 in St. Augustine, FL; married **Amelia Morlaes** 19 Dec. 1879 in Havana, Cuba - 3 kids. He d. 12 Jan. 1894 & is bur. Catholic Cem. Jacksonville, FL.

3. **Tomas Gregorio Pacetti** born 09 May 1840 in St. Augustine, FL; married **Emma S. Richardson** - 1 kid.

4. **Rafael Mariano Pacetti** born 18 November 1842 in St. Augustine, FL.

5. **Luis Gomercindo Pacetti** born 25 August 1847 in St. Augustine, FL.

6. **Lewis Bartholomy Pacetti** born 21 October 1850 in St. Augustine, FL.

3. **THOMAS ANTONIO PASETY/PACETTI** was born 07 November 1806 in St. Augustine; nothing else is known regarding his whereabouts with the one exception of a Quit Claim Deed signed by him in 1854 stating that he lived in St. Marys; quit claiming property in St. Augustine once owned by their (Thomas, Andrew, Joseph, Dennis and John's) grandparents, Josef Bonelly and Maria Moll Bonelly, to their aunt, Antonia Paula Bonelly Leonardy - St. Johns County Courthouse, St. Augustine, FL, Deed Book P pages 417-419.

4. **SANTOS DIONISIO PASETY/PACETTI "Dennis"** born 02 November 1808 in St. Augustine; married **ESPERANZA CAPO** - three children. Esperanza Coppo [sic] Pacetti died sometime between 1860 - 1870; Dennis Pacetti was the captain of the sloop *Independence* transporting goods up and down the St. Marys River; this family continued to live in St. Marys, GA until the Dennis Pacetty estate was sold at auction in the mid-1890's.

Campbell and Patience "Patsy" Martha J. Smith. NOTE: James Smith was a volunteer soldier in Northborough, Mass. who had migrated down to North Carolina and South Carolina and from there down to Georgia. There were eight children in this Smith family: (1. Abraham B. Smith b. ca. 1798, m. Elizabeth "Eliza" Lowe; 2. James G. Smith; 3. Patience "Patsy" Martha J. Smith b. 1799-1800 in NC, m. Otis P. Campbell; 4. Cochney Smith b. ca. 1801 in NC; 5. Ransom C. Smith b. ca. 1803 in NC, m. Ellen M. Johnson; 6. Charlotte Smith, m. Andrew Pacetti; 7. Margaret Harriett Smith b. 25 Jun. 1806 in NC, m. Peter Corb; 8. Eliza J. Smith b. 1808 in SC, m. James B. Bliss). John Pacetti and Margaret Campbell first lived in St. Marys then on Cherry Point in Camden County. Margaret R. Campbell Pacetti died in 1860 on Cherry Point and is buried in St. Marys. John Pacetti married 2nd **SARAH ANN ANDREWS HUBBELL** on 29 September 1878 at "White Haven" in St. Marys, GA - no issue. Sarah Ann Andrews was born 24 Sep. 1836 in CT. Sarah had previously married **George S. Hubbell** on 29 Oct. 1860 & they had three children: (1. Elmer Andrew Hubbell b. 13 Aug. 1862 & d. 27 Aug. 1866; 2. Samuel Perry Hubbell b. 10 Sep. 1864; 3. Thomas Willard Hubbell b. 14 Aug. 1866 & d. 06 Oct. 1866). George S. Hubbell was born 12 July 1835 & died 05 October 1870 (or 1876). She was a schoolteacher in Camden County and kept a record of her family's and the John Pacetti family's births, marriages, deaths in her own Bible. Sarah Ann Andrews Hubbell Pacetti died on 12 June 1880 and was buried in St. Marys. John Pacetti (also known as John Pacetti, Sr. or "Old John Pacetti") died on 17 February 1890 and is buried in St. Marys, GA.

CHILDREN OF JOHN PACETTI & MARGARET REBECCA CAMPBELL:

1. **JULIA ISABEL PACETTI** born May 1837 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married **JAMES H. WILSON** ca. 1867-1868 - 5 children; he was born November 1848 in GA & 19 May 1930 & is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys - Civil War inscription reads: "James Wilson Co. D. 4th Ga. Cav. CSA"; she died between 1900-1910 in Camden County, GA.

1. **James H. Wilson Jr.** born 1868 in Camden County, GA; married **Isabella A. "Belle" Tompkins** on 14 May 1891 in CCG - 2 kids.

2. **Rosa Wilson** born 1870 in Camden County, GA.

3. **Margaret Jane Wilson** born 16 June (or July) 1873 in Camden County, GA; married **Miles/Myles Richard Green/Greene** on 04 February 1890 in Camden County, GA - "I hereby give my consent to the marriage of my daughter Margaret J. Wilson to Miles R. Green" signed 04 February 1890 by Julia Wilson and James Wilson (Loose Papers in Blue Boxes - CCG Courthouse Records) - 3 kids. Miles R. Greene was born 24 August 1872 in Jasper, FL, son of **Elisha Greene & Matilda Jane Woodard**. She died 11 July 1925 in St. Marys, GA; he died 13 April 1946 in Jacksonville, FL; both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

4. **Elizabeth Wilson "Lizzie"** born 28 May 1877 in Camden County, GA; married **William "Willie" F. Readdick** on 20 April 1894 in CCG - 10 kids.

5. **Julia Isabel Wilson** born May 1880 in Camden County, GA; died Jacksonville, FL.

2. **LEWIS DAVID PACETTI** born 21 December 1839 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married 1st **MARGARET ISABELLA FLOYD** 19 February 1866 in St. Marys, GA - six children. Margaret was born 20 June 1843 at Bellevue Plantation in Camden County, GA, dau. of **Henry Hamilton Floyd & Mordina Jane Boog**. She died 24 March 1892 on Cherry Point & is bur. Oak Grove Cem. He married 2nd **JULIA ANN COONER PEEBLES/PEEPLES** 23 January 1898 on Cherry Point - no issue. He died 16 August 1916 and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys. Civil War inscription on tombstone reads: "2nd. Lt. Co. 2nd Fla. Inf. U.S.A." Children of Lewis David Pacetti and Margaret Isabella Floyd listed under separate heading below.

3. **JOHN PACETTI JR.** born 1842 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; never married; died 21 March 1889 in Camden County, GA.

4. **DAVID BAILEY PACETTY** born 03 January 1845 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married **EVELINA DOWNS** - thirteen children. She was born ca. 1850 in Camden County, dau. of **James Downes/Downs & Margaret Elizabeth Barnardy**. She died bef. 1900; he died 26 March 1928 at his home on Cherry Point & is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA. Civil War inscription on tombstone reads: "Co. C Clinch's Ga. Cav. CSA."

1. **Mary E. Pacetti** born in 1869 in Camden County, GA.

2. **Effie Constance Pacetti** born 03 September 1870 in Camden County, GA; married **John W. Vance** in 1893 - 2 kids. He was born 05 February 1856 & died 10 October 1936; she died 02 December 1959; both bur. in Brunswick, GA.

3. **Florence Eugenia Pacetti "Florrie"** born 17 August 17 1873 in Camden County, GA; married **Marion Floyd Pacetti** (first cousin) on 19 August 1896 in Camden County, GA-6 kids. She died 02 August 1948; he died 18 December 1957; both bur. Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA. Children listed under Marion Pacetti.

4. **Lottie Pacetti** born in November 1874 in Camden County, GA; married (first name unobtainable) **Wright** - 2 kids.

5. **Julia S. Pacetti** born 1875 in Camden County, GA.

6. **Nina Pacetti "Nonnie"** born 19 March 1877 in Camden County, GA; married **Durwood Belmont Gowen** on 13 February 1895 in Camden County - 8 kids. He was born 10 August 1871 in Charlton Co., GA. She died 08 June 1916 (tombstone death date

reads: 08 June 1918) & is bur. at Ceylon Cemetery in Camden County, GA. After his wife died, he moved his family to West Palm Beach, Florida. He died 27 October 1947 in West Palm Beach, FL.

7. **Elmer H. Pacetti** born in 1879 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 25 February 1957; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

8. **Robert Downes Pacetti "Bobby"** born March 1881 in Camden County, GA; married **Willie/Willa Rival** on 30 September 1905 in Camden County, GA - several kids.

9. **David Bailey Pacetti Jr.** born October 1882 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 24 January 1953 in GA.

10. **John Pacetti "Johnny"** born 11 November 1884 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 05 May 1968 in Brunswick, GA & is bur. in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

11. **Margaret Bernard Pacetti** born in August 1886 in Camden County, GA; married **William "Willie" Edwin Pacetti** (first cousin) on 05 October 1910 in Camden County, GA - 1 kid. He was born April 1878 in CCG. She died of tuberculosis.

12. **Lorena Irene Pacetti "Rena"** born 06 April 1888 in Camden County, GA; married **Charles Frohock** (first cousin) on 25 July 1907 in CCG - 3 kids. He was born 18 February 1881 in Camden County, GA & died 01 May 1970; she died 27 March 1980; both buried in St. Marys, GA.

13. **Mabel Clare Pacetti** born 02 March 1890 in Camden County, GA; married **Osgood Branch "O. B." "Obey" Frohock** (first cousin) - 2 kids. He was born 23 May 1889 in CCG & died 10 May 1957; she died 16 November 1964; both buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

5. **MARGARET HARRIETT PACETTI "Aunt Dump"** born 17 April 1847 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married **ROBERT H. FROHOCK** ca. 1863 - twelve children. He was born 11 August 1844 in McIntosh Co., GA, son of **Charles H. Frohock & Sarah C. Clubb**. R. H. Frohock was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. He was a prominent figure in Camden County: Superintendent of Public Roads; Justice of the Peace; on Board of Education; served in Legislature; Judge; lawyer. He died 04 March 1928 in CCG; she died 25 April 1924; both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

1. **Leweller Frohock** born 14 August 1864; died 14 October 1864; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

2. **Robert H. Frohock (Jr.) "Harry"** born 17 March 1866 in Camden County, GA; never

married; died 25 October 1957; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

3. **David P. Frohock** born 06 May 1868 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 20 August 1885; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

4. **Arthur B. Frohock** born in 1870 in Camden County, GA; married **Laura May Walker** (sister of Alice Barbara Walker) on 07 November 1895 in CCG - 2 kids. They moved to Fulford (now North Miami Beach) in Dade County, FL. She was born ca. 1875 in AL; he died 05 January 1922; both bur. at City Cemetery in Miami, FL (no marker for her).

5. **John Frohock** born 03 April 1872 in Brunswick, GA; he moved to Florida and permanently to Miami in Dade County in 1895; married 1st **Elizabeth Louisa "Lizzie Lou" Moran** in 1904 - one son. She was born 10 May 1882 in Geneva, FL & died 06 November 1906 in Miami, FL & is bur. at City Cem. In Miami. He married 2nd **Elizabeth Douglas**; married 3rd **Myrtle Hawkins**; he died 01 January 1963 in Miami, FL & is bur. at City Cemetery in Miami, FL.

6. **George Watson Frohock** born 11 March 1874 in Camden County, GA; married **Alice Barbara Walker** on 27 June 1903 in CCG - 5 kids. She was born 06 August 1879 in GA (sister of Laura May Walker). They lived at Fulford (now North Miami Beach) in Dade County, FL for a while. She died 21 November 1962; he died 26 January 1964; both bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

7. **Mary Louise Frohock** born 27 September 1876 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 17 September 1959 & is bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

8. **Lester Peckham Frohock** born February 1879 in Camden County, GA; married **Vernon Estelle Bailey** on 19 April 1902 in CCG - 5 kids. Lester was an excellent carpenter who built several houses in St. Marys - a few are now on the Historic District tour. After his wife died, he moved his family to Miami, FL. He died in 1965 & is bur. at Flagler Memorial Cemetery in Miami, FL.

9. **Charles Frohock** born 18 February 1881 in Camden County, GA; married **Lorena Irene Pacetti "Rena"** (first cousin) on 25 July 1907 in CCG - 3 kids. She was born 06 April 1888 in CCG & died 27 March 1980; he died 01 May 1970; both buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

10. **Emily Rebecca Frohock "Emmie"** born 01 January 1884 in Camden County, GA; married **John Walter Readdick** on 01 June 1905 in CCG - 2 kids. He was born in CCG, son of **John Readdick & Amanda Reed Gowen**. She died in 1986 in Savannah; both bur. in Savannah, GA.

11. **Grace Frohock** born 02 August 1886 in Camden County, GA; died 11 May 1896; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

12. **Osgood Branch Frohock "O. B." "Obey"** born 23 May 1889 in Camden County, GA; married **Mabel Clare Pacetti** (first cousin) on 08 October 1911 in CCG - 2 kids. She was born 02 March 1890 in CCG & died 14 November 1964; he died 10 May 1957 (tombstone reads death date: 08 May 1956); both bur. at Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

6. **MARY MARTHA PACETTI** born August 1849 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married **LEWIS ADOLPHUS CLARK/CLARKE** on 30 July 1868 in CCG - three children. He was a Confederate soldier, CO. H, 4 Georgia Calvary, in Camden County, GA; he was born 16 March 1841 in St. Marys & died February 1915 in St. Marys; she died after 1920 in Camden County, GA.

1. **John Lanar Clarke** born 21 June 1870 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 02 February 1936; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

2. **Paul Purey Clarke** born October 1872 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 25 January 1944; bur. Oak Grove Cem., St. Marys, GA.

3. **Inez Keta Clarke** born 23 June 1883 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 29 July 1950; buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA (tombstone reads: Rita Ivey Clarke).

7. **FRANK/FRANCIS C. PACETTI** born 1852 St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married 1st **ORRIE JANE CARTER** on 25 September 1876 at Kings Ferry, GA - nine children. She was born August 1862 in Kings Ferry, GA. She died aft. 1900. He married 2nd **BERTHA SANDERSON** 02 May 1905 in CCG - no issue? He died 18 January 1929 in Kingsland, GA; buried Oak Grove Cem. in St. Marys, GA.

1. **William Edwin Pacetti "Willie"** born in April 1878 in Camden County, GA; married **Margaret Barnard Pacetti** (first cousin) on 05 October 1910 in Camden County, GA - 1 kid.

2. **Francis Pacetti Jr. "Frank"** born 21 June 1881 in Camden County, GA; married 1st **Lula Cooner** on 29 August 1902 on Cherry Point - 1 kid; married 2nd **Lennie Mae Barr** on 05 April 1911 on Cherry Point; he died 30 March 1919 & is bur. Oak Grove Cem. in St. Marys, GA.

3. **Emily Pacetti "Emmie"** born August 1882 in Camden County, GA; married **William Green Lang** on 07 June 1905 in a double wedding with Susan Lang (sister of Green) & Tim Davis on Grover Island - near Crooked River between Harrietts Bluff & Black Point - 5 kids. He was born 1882 & died 21 March 1953; she died in 1971; both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

4. **Joseph M. Pacetti** born in February 1885 in Camden County, GA; married (name

unobtainable).

5. **Roena Bell Pacetti** born 15 June 1890 in Camden County, GA; married ? (first name unobtainable) Batchelor - four kids.

6. **Gertrude Pacetti "Trudy"** born 15 October 1892 in St. Marys, Camden County, GA; married **Hamp Turner** - 2 kids.

7. **Fuller Barnard Pacetti "Barney"** born 01 May 1895 in St. Marys, GA; married **Rosa Lee McMahon** on 20 December 1922 in Camden County, GA - 1 kid. He died 30 June 1934; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA. Inscription on tombstone reads: "Georgia-Pvt. 17 Infantry II Div. WWI."

8. **Andrew Pacetti** born 18 September 1897 in St. Marys, GA; married (name unobtainable).

9. **Oresten Elijah Pacetti "Lige"** born in 1900 in Camden County, GA; never married.

CHILDREN OF LEWIS DAVID PACETTI & MARGARET ISABELLA FLOYD:

1. **MARION FLOYD PACETTI** born 02 November 1867 on Cherry Point; married **FLORENCE EUGENIA PACETTI "Florrie"** (first cousin) on 19 August 1896 - six children; she was born 17 August 1873 in CCG, dau. of **David Bailey Pacetti & Evelina Downes/Downs**. She died 02 August 1948 in Charlton Co. hospital; he built the two-story house on Cherry Point which was moved to its present location on Georgia Spur 40 near the Crooked River State Park; he died 18 December 1957; both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, GA.

1. **Marian Catherine Pacetti** born 16 April 1897 near St. Marys, GA; married **Theodore Geer DuBose** 30 November 1922 at Marianna in Camden County, GA - 5 kids. He was born 21 October 1884 in Jacksonville, FL, son of **John Wildes DuBose & Anna Elizabeth Jaudon**. He died 02 February 1974; she died 02 August 1973; both bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

2. **Annie M. Pacetti** born 29 April 1899 in Camden County, GA; never married; died 08 June 1939; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

3. **Lewis David Pacetti "L. D"** born 10 May 1901 on Cherry Point, Camden County, GA; married **Jewell Page** - no issue; died 14 April 1957 in St. Marys; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

4. **Florence Evelina Pacetti** born 05 June 1903 in Camden County, GA; bapt. 04 October 1906 at Cherry Point Methodist Church; never married; died 26 April 1918; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

5. **Harry Lee Pacetti** born 22 April 1905 in Camden County, GA; bapt. 04 October 1906 at Cherry Point Methodist Church; never married; died 26 October 1966; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

6. **Elmer Floyd Pacetti** born 03 July 1907 in Camden County, GA; married **Beatrice Payne** - no issue; died 27 February 1971 in Lowdnes Co., GA; bur. Oak Grove Cem. St. Marys, GA.

2. **SAMUEL AUGUSTUS PACETTI "Gus"** born 10 October 1870 on Cherry Point; never married; died 10 September 1912 in Camden County.

3. **THOMAS BOURKE PACETTI "Bourke"** born 05 January 1872 on Cherry Point; never married; died 18 June 1901 in Camden County.

4. **MARTHA MORDINA PACETTI "Maud" "Sis"** born 02 March 1875 on Cherry Point; she wrote a diary describing life in Camden County, Georgia during years 1894-1896; married **ANDREW BARNEY GODLEY** 24 November 1897 at St. Clements Episcopal Church on Satilla Bluff; the reception was held at home of her aunt Jule Floyd Noyes and uncle Ned Noyes at Satilla Bluff, GA - nine kids. He was born 06 November 1864 near Burnt Fort, GA, son of **Thomas Means Godley & Ann Elizabeth Gowen**. They lived in the Sand Hills area of Camden County - the property was the Godley's place located between Burnt Fort & Midriver. She died 21 March 1921; he died 14 April 1957; both bur. at Burnt Fort Cemetery in Camden County, GA.

1. **Floyd Gowen Godley** born 09 September 1898 nr. Burnt Fort, Camden Co., GA; married **Terah Wrenn** - no issue; she was born 11 December 1898 & died January 27, 1960; he died 23 April 1955; both bur. Burnt Fort Cem. Camden County, GA.

2. **Andrew Brown Godley "Tunk"** born May 1900 nr. Burnt Fort; died 13 August 1911 of lockjaw from a rusty fishhook stuck in his foot; bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

3. **Annie Maude Godley** born 09 August 1901 nr. Burnt Fort; never married; died March 5, 1976; buried Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

4. **Marion Augustus Godley "Buster"** born 23 August 1904 nr. Burnt Fort; married **Elizabeth Amanda Clark** - 2 kids. He died 15 February 1966; bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG; she is bur. Homeward Cem. nr. Waverly, CCG.

5. **Thomas Benjamin Godley "Ben"** born 18 June 1906 nr. Burnt Fort; married **Lillie Mae Lott** - no issue; died 18 August 1968; bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

6. **Marguerite Jule Godley** born 03 August 1909 nr. Burnt Fort; married **Howell E. Reddick** on 27 June 1944 - one son; he was born 27 June 1893 at Harrietts Bluff, GA, son

of **John Readdick & Amanda Reed Gowen**. He died 13 April 1973; she wrote "Camden's Challenge, A History of Camden County, Georgia" in 1976; she died 22 September 1990; both bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

7. **Kathryn Russell Godley "Kitty"** born 27 September 1910 nr. Burnt Fort; married **Carnie Earl Littlefield** on 03 July 1944 - no issue; died 26 December 1977; he died 1984; both buried Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

8. **Watson Winn Godley** born 14 January 1914 nr. Burnt Fort; never married; died 11 May 1978; bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

9. **Jack Foster Godley** born 31 May 1917 nr. Burnt Fort; married **Alsie Bishop** 01 August 1939 - no issue; she died 30 November 1980; he died 19 December 1994; both bur. Burnt Fort Cem., CCG.

5. **JOHN PACETTI** born 17 November 1879 on Cherry Point; died an infant.

6. **MARGUERITE JULE PACETTI "Rete" "Rita"** born 09 November 1882 on Cherry Point; married **FRANK HOPKINS BROWN** 01 August 1906 in the Episcopal Church of the Messiah at Owens Ferry, GA; died 13 July 1980 Miami, FL & is buried at Woodlawn Park Cemetery in Miami, FL. Children (six) listed under separate heading below.

BROWN:

HUGH BROWN, SENIOR, was the son of **Robert Brown** of Virginia and South Carolina. Hugh Brown, Sr. became a planter and the owner of vast acres of land on the Reedy and Saludy Rivers just outside of Charleston, South Carolina. During the Revolutionary War, Captain Hugh Brown of Col. Thomas Pearson's Little River Militia 96th District Brigade, opposed independence and sided with the British. He was banished from South Carolina and all of his property was confiscated. He and his wife, **SARAH** were forced to flee to Spanish East Florida. Just before their son, Hugh Brown, Jr. was born in 1788, they left St. Augustine, Florida and moved to Camden County, Georgia.

HUGH BROWN, JR., the son of Hugh Brown Senior and Sarah, last name unknown, was born in Camden County, GA July 19, 1788. He married **ELIZABETH DEAN** on April 13, 1815 in Milledgeville, GA. Elizabeth Dean, the daughter of **William Dean** and **Jane Sessions**, was born April 10, 1796. Hugh Brown, Jr. distinguished himself as a Camden County Sheriff, Justice of Inferior Court, Representative and Senator in the Georgia legislature, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and held the rank of Major in the Georgia militia. Hugh Brown, Jr. died July 29, 1851 in Camden County, GA and is buried at Burnt Fort Cemetery. Elizabeth Dean Brown died June 29, 1861 in Camden County, GA and is buried at Burnt Fort Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF HUGH BROWN JR. & ELIZABETH DEAN:

1. **JANE DEAN BROWN** born 19 January 1817 in Camden County, GA; married **JACOB TAPLEY GOODBREAD** 18 October 1832; died 11 June 1861.

2. **WILLIAM DEAN BROWN** born 23 October 1818 in Camden County, GA; married **HATTIE C. HOLLAND**; died 16 July 1873.

3. **HUGH BROWN III** born 07 December 1820 in Camden County, GA; married **THERESA ANN JONES** 28 October 1851; died 19 January 1880.

4. **JOHN H. BROWN** born 23 September 1822 in Camden County, GA; died 18 December 1886.

5. **SARAH ELIZABETH BROWN** born 15 July 1824 in Camden County, GA; married **NATHANIEL J. PATTERSON, JR.** 15 October 1840; died 13 June 1846.

6. **MARY ANN BROWN** born 01 July 1827 in Camden County, GA; married **NATHANIEL J. PATTERSON, JR.**; died 29 February 1848.

7. **JAMES DAVID BROWN** born 18 July 1831 in Camden County, GA; married 1st **MARY POPE GODLEY** - three children; married 2nd **CLARA ANN GELZER** 11 August 1872 in Camden County, GA - five children; died 30 April 1888 in Camden County and is buried at Burnt Fort Cemetery.

8. **GEORGIA BROWN** born 18 May 1834 in Camden County, GA; married **A. JACK READDICK** 28 February 1854.

9. **VIRGINIA JANE BROWN** born 18 May 1835 in Camden County, GA; married **WILLIAM LANG**; died 13 August 1860.

10. **CRAWFORD PARRISH BROWN** born 09 April 1838 in Camden County, GA; married **LAURA JANE PARRISH** 19 February 1863; died 07 July 1878.

JAMES DAVID BROWN, the son of Hugh Brown, Jr. and Elizabeth Dean, married 1st **MARY POPE GODLEY** of Beaufort County, SC. Pope Godley, as she was called, was the daughter of **Benjamin Godley** and **Mary**, last name unknown. Pope Godley's brother was Thomas Means Godley (the grandfather of Marguerite Jule Godley Reddick). Thomas Means Godley of Beaufort District, South Carolina, and his wife, Ann Elizabeth Gowen, moved from South Carolina between 1854 and 1856 to make a permanent home in Camden County. His father, Benjamin Godley followed, bringing his three younger children, including Pope, with him. Mary Pope Godley Brown died not long after her third child was born and is buried in an unmarked grave at Burnt Fort Cemetery.

JAMES DAVID BROWN married 2nd **CLARA ANN GELZER** in Camden County, GA. She was the daughter of **Thomas Lining Gelzer, M.D.** and **Clara Anne Reid**, both of South Carolina. The Gelzers moved from South Carolina to Camden County between 1850-1860 and lived in Jeffersonton where Dr. Gelzer set up his medical practice. The Browns lived on the west side of the Satilla River in a section called Midriver (in the Sand Hills-north of Burnt Fort) where they owned over 200 acres of land. James David Brown lived his entire life in this area, farming the land with his sons. James David Brown died in 1888 and is buried at Burnt Fort Cemetery. His tombstone is marked with the Civil War inscription: "Co. C 4 Ga. Cov. CSA." In the late 1890's, his wife, Clara Ann Gelzer Brown left Camden County for Miami, Florida, where she spent the rest of her life. She died 16 August 1919 in Miami, FL and is buried there in the historic City Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF JAMES DAVID BROWN AND MARY POPE GODLEY:

1. **HUGH CRAWFORD BROWN** born 1860 in Midriver, GA; married **ALICE CHARLOTTE GELZER** (sister of Clara Ann Gelzer Brown) 09 April 1884 at Owens Ferry, Camden County, GA - 3 children; she died 15 February 1927; he died 17 September 1938; both bur. at Woodlawn Park Cem. in Miami, FL.

2. **WILLIAM WESTON BROWN** born 22 October 1865 in Midriver, GA; married **MARY ALICE FRANCES DAY** on 19 February 1893 in White Oak, GA - 7 children; she was born 06 July 1875 at Brown's Neck in CCG; he died 30 September 1920; she died 29 March 1931; both bur. at Lott Cem. Waycross, GA.

3. **NATHANIEL BROWN** born ca. 1866 in CCG

4. **JOHN POPE BROWN** born 1868 in CCG; married **BIRDIE MEADERS** on 31 December 1901 in Savannah, GA - 2 kids; he died February 1908 & is bur. Dahunega, GA. She married 2nd **Samuel Tilden Dowda M. D.** & lived in Texas.

GELZER:

The name Gelzer - and its derivatives: Gelser / Geljer / Galzer / Geger / Gallasper / Getzer / Geysler - is listed on South Carolina records beginning in 1732. The ethnic background of this particular lineage is Swiss-German, who, settled mainly in Colleton and Dorchester Counties in South Carolina.

THOMAS S. GELZER born ca. 1764 Colleton Co., SC, was the son of **John Gelzer & Sarah** (last name unknown). He married 1st **MISS** (first name unknown) **ECKELLS** ca. 1784. She was the dau. of **William Eckells** of Charleston District & (wife unknown). They had six (living) children: (1. **Robert I. -or- Robert J. Gelzer** b. ca. 1785 St. Paul's Parish, SC, m. **Caroline S. McCall** in 1822; 2. **Thomas -or- Thomas S. Gelzer** b. 1798, m. 1st **Sara Thomas Benoist** & 2nd **Rosa Adela Bee**; 3. **Mary E. Gelzer** b. ca. 1800-1802 in

Colleton Co., SC, m. **James A. Ackerman** in 1828; **4. Sarah Eccles Gelzer** b. ca. 1812-1815 in Colleton Co., SC, m. **John Welch** in 1854; **5. George W. Gelzer** b. ca. 1817 in Colleton Co., SC; **6. John Echols/Eccles Gelzer** b. ca. 1819 in Colleton Co., SC, m. **Maria Louisa Porcher Hughes** in 1859). Thomas S. Gelzer was a planter in St. Pauls Parish in Colleton Co., SC. In 1793 Thomas Gelzer, with other parishioners of the Parish of St. George Dorchester and part of St. Pauls Parish called Beech Hill, signed a petition to incorporate the United Independent or Congregational Church of the Township of Dorchester and Beech Hill. From 1802-1812 and perhaps longer he served as a board member for St. Paul's Parish Road Commission. His wife died bet. 1819 & 1820. He married 2nd to **SARAH YOU LEWIS** on Sunday evening 18 June 1820 in Charleston, SC - no issue. She was born 27 August 1777 in SC, the dau. of **Thomas You**, a silversmith in SC, & **Elizabeth Clifford**. Sarah was previously married to John - or - Joseph Lewis, a merchant in Charleston. Thomas S. Gelzer died in 1827 (place of burial unknown). A complicated Court action between Sarah & Thomas Gelzer's children resulted. Sarah claimed that as his widow, she was entitled to certain lands and premises and personal estate of her deceased husband. However, prior to their marriage, she had signed what today is known as a "pre-nuptial agreement" and she lost her case. Sarah You Lewis Gelzer died 24 April 1846 & is buried in the Circular Church Yard Cem., Charleston, SC, where a large stone memorial was erected by her "affectionate and grateful [sic] Grand Daughter." Sarah's will designated that her entire estate "Realestate and Personal Estate" go to her granddaughter, Elizabeth Clifford Lewis.

THOMAS GELZER also known as Thomas S. Gelzer, was born 12 May 1798, the son of **Thomas S. Gelzer** and **Miss** (1st name unknown) **Eckells**. He lived in the Parish of St. James at Goose Creek in the District of Charleston, SC; was a planter/farmer in Colleton County, SC; owned a house in Summerville, SC. He married 1st **SARA THOMAS BENOIST** ca. 1824/1825 - three children. She was born 15 August 1801 prob. in St. Johns, Berkeley Co., SC, the daughter of **Philip Benoist** a planter in St. John's Parish & **Ann** (last name unknown). Sara died 18 October 1863. He married 2nd **ROSA ADELA BEE** on 18 January 1865 at St. Phillips Church in Charleston, SC - no issue. Rosa was born 10 (or 24) January 1823 in SC, the daughter of **John Simmons Bee & Charlotte Augusta Ladson**. Thomas Gelzer died 14 July 1875 in Summerville. Rosa Gelzer died 04 January 1899. All three - Thomas, Sara, Rosa - are buried under the church extension at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Summerville, South Carolina.

THOMAS LINING GELZER was born 03 August 1825 in Summerville, SC, the only son of **Thomas Gelzer & Sara Thomas Benoist**. He entered the Freshman Class of the Charleston College and graduated in 1844; studied law, but not liking it, turned his attention to medicine, and graduated at the Charleston Medical College in 1850 and became a physician. He married 1st **CLARA ANN REID**, the daughter of **Dr. David Evander Reid** and **Harriet Eugenia Wagner**, both of South Carolina. Sometime before 1860, Thomas L. Gelzer moved his family (wife & four children) from SC to Jeffersonton or Jefferson, the former county seat of Camden County, GA. Jeffersonton (now demolished),

located on the south side of the Satilla River, was where he lived and where he continued to practice medicine. The town of Jefferson was positioned diagonal across the Satilla River from (then) Brown's Ferry in Camden County ("Brown History & Lineage," by Marguerite M. Mathews). In the Civil War, on 15 April 1862, he was issued a commission as Surgeon of the 5th Reg. 1st Brigade 1st Division GM at Jeffersonton in Camden County (Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers - GA Dept. of Archives & Hist., Atlanta, GA). Later, he was stationed in Savannah as a Confederate surgeon in the 5th Regiment GA Cavalry commanded by Col. Clinch where he had to perform surgery without anesthesia, something that he felt was abhorrent (files of Kathleen Carmichael Adams). Clara Anne and her children returned to Unionville, SC, while her husband was away during the Civil War. On 12 November 1869, Thomas L. Gelzer sold his lot in Jeffersonton for \$500.00 "All that parcel of land lying in the town of Jeffersonton known in the plan of said town as Lot No. 16 containing 200 feet square" (Camden Co., GA Deed Bk. Q p. 324). The Thomas Gelzer family is listed on the 1870 Camden Co. GA census, P. O. Satilla Mills District, where he was still a physician. Clara Anne Reid Gelzer died on 25 April 1876 in Summerville, SC. He left Camden County for Mobile, AL. He married 2nd **MARY MORROW** on 23 July 1878 in Mobile, AL. She was born ca. 1850-1853 in Conecuh Co., AL. He was sent to Memphis, TN where there was an outbreak of yellow fever. He stayed until the epidemic was under control. On 04 May 1881 the family moved to Escanaba, Michigan, where Dr. Gelzer was appointed United States Marine Surgeon. His medical office was on Ludington Street; they lived on South Elmore Street. Thomas L. Gelzer died in Escanaba, Michigan and is buried there.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS GELZER & SARA THOMAS BENOIST:

1. **THOMAS LINING GELZER, M.D.** born 03 August 1825 in Summerville, SC; married 1st **CLARA ANN REID** 21 May 1850 in St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC - four children. Clara Ann Reid was born 28 November 1829 in Camden, SC & died 25 April 1876 in Summerville, SC. Thomas L. Gelzer married 2nd **MARY MORROW** on 23 July 1878 in Mobile, AL - 5 children. He died 06 January 1894; she died in 1930; both bur. Lakeview Cem. in Escanaba, MI.

1. **Eugene Gelzer "Bubba"** born 14 May 1852 in Summerville, SC; married **Margaret** (last name unknown) - 2 or 3 kids; he died 03 April 1888; bur. Lakeview Cem. in Escanaba, MI.

2. **Clara Ann Gelzer** born 18 (or 20) February 1854 in Summerville, SC; married **James David Brown** on 11 August 1872 in Camden County, GA - five children; she died 16 August 1919 in Miami, FL & is bur. at City Cemetery in Miami. Children listed under James David Brown.

3. **Alice Charlotte Gelzer** born 31 August 1856 in Summerville, SC; married **Hugh Crawford Brown** on 09 April 1884 at McKimmon nr. Owens Ferry, Camden County, GA; she died 15 February 1927 in Miami, FL; bur. at Woodlawn Park Cem. in Miami.

4. **Marion Deas Gelzer "Daisy"** born 20 June 1863 in Unionville, SC; married **Thomas Couturier Steedman** 17 July 1882 in New Orleans, LA - 4 kids; he was born 23 July 1859 in Charleston, SC & died 24 July 1920 in Spartanburg, SC; she died 25 June 1945 in Spartanburg, SC.

5. **Thomas Gelzer "Tommie"** born ca. 1880/1881 in AL; married (name unknown) in Escanaba, MI - (marr. listed in 22 November 1910 ed. of *Escanaba Morning Press* newspaper).

6. **Cecil Morrow Gelzer** born 1884 in Escanaba, Delta Co., MI; married? He died 27 May 1942 (in Canada?) or Escanaba, MI (Lakeview Cem. Records;); bur. Lakeview Cem. in Escanaba, Delta Co., MI.

7. **Mary Gelzer** born March 1886 in Escanaba, MI; died 26 June 1886; bur. Lakeview Cem., Escanaba, Delta Co., MI.

8. **William Morrow Gelzer "Will"** born 24 December 1886 in Escanaba, MI (date correct); married **Ona Ecke/Eche** on 13 July 1915 in Escanaba, MI (Delta Co. Marr. Bk. C p. 63) - issue? She was born 1887. She died in July 1918 in Escanaba, MI (death notice in *Escanaba Morning Press* on 04 & 06 July 1918). He died November 1918 (death notice in *Escanaba Morning Press* on 17 Nov. 1918; Lakeview Cem. Records); both bur. at Lakeview Cem. in Escanaba, Delta Co., MI. The estate of William Morrow Gelzer was probated in 1918 (Delta Co. Probate Index on microfilm; listed on Delta Co. Genealogy site at Rootsweb.com).

9. **Clyde/Clyve Gelzer** born ca. 1893 in Escanaba, Delta Co., MI (age 7 on the 1900 Delta Co. census). He was seen as a paying patient at the main hospital in Escanaba on 31 October 1906 (Index of Hospital Patient Records 1897-1914 - Delta Co. Genealogical Web site at Rootsweb.com). He is not listed on 1910 Delta Co. census - (did he die young? - no burial record).

2. **EUGENIA OLIVIA GELZER** born 09 March 1828 in Summerville, SC; married **JOHN J. HANAHAN** of Edisto Island on Wednesday 17 July 1844 in Charleston, SC - 4 kids.

1. **E. M. Hanahan** born ca. 1846 in SC (female); age 14 on 1860 census.

2. **T. L. Hanahan** born ca. 1852 in SC (female); age 8 on 1860 census.

3. **Josephine Hanahan** born ca. 1858 in SC; age 2 on 1860 SC census.

4. **Edward Seabrook Hanahan** baptized 16 April 1865 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Summerville, SC - Sponsors were: Thomas & Rosa Gelzer (St. Paul's Episc. Ch. Records p. 19).

3. SUSAN HENRIETTA LINING GELZER born 04 February 1832 in Summerville, SC; baptized on 02 September 1832 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Summerville, SC. She married **WILLIAM PERCY GUERARD** on Tuesday 19 March (or May) 1863 "at the residence of the Bride's father, Thomas Gelzer in Summerville, South Carolina by Rev. Philip Gadsden" (p. 65 St. Paul's Episcopal Church Records). Five children. He was born 14 December 1836 in SC, the son of **John Bull Guerard & Ann Ladson Bee** (dau. of John Simmons Bee & Charlotte Augusta Ladson - *South Carolina Genealogies* - "Descendants of Col. William Rhett," Reprint Co., Spartanburg, 1983). Percy was a descendant of Jacob Guerard, who along with others, brought the first shipload of Huguenots to South Carolina in 1680 (*Sandlapper Magazine of SC*, article by Marguerite C. Steedman, Vol. I, No. 9, Sept. 1968). In 1846, Percy's father, John B. Guerard, purchased 1400 acres on the Satilla River near White Oak Creek in Camden Co., GA (CCG Deed Bk. O p. 136-137) where John B. Guerard, his son, John B. Jr. were in partnership with John Baily in the Steam Sawmill Co. In 1865-1870 Percy & Susan Guerard were living in Camden County, Georgia at Satilla Mills where he was a sawmill hand (fam. listed on CCG 1870 census schedule). The Percy Guerards left Camden County sometime around 1870-1871 and returned to SC. (Their fourth child was b. in SC in 1871). The fam. is listed on the 1880 SC census in Colleton Co., Collins Township - taken on 24 June 1880: Percy Guerard, head of household, farmer, age 44; Susan, wife, age 40; Sophia, dau., age 13, in school; Pursy [sic] Jr., son, age 11, in school; William B., son, age 9, in school; Thomas L., son, age 5. He died 10 April 1900; she died 02 (or 03) August 1910 in Charleston, SC & is buried at St. Lukes Cathedral Cemetery in Charleston, SC.

1. **Sarah Ann Lining Guerard** born 10 October 1864 in Charleston County, SC; died 1865 in Charleston, SC.

2. **Sophia Percy Guerard** born ca. 1865 in GA; married **Allen Drew** in 1908; she died 1942.

3. **John Percy Guerard** born 08 February 1868 in GA; married 1st **Kathleen Bradley Jay** - one daughter; married 2nd **Virginia O. Brown Miller** in 1912 - three children; he died 10 April 1917 in Charleston, SC.

4. **William Bee Guerard** born 23 February 1871 in SC; married **Mattie C. Heaton** in 1904; he died 12 August 1945 & is buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Summerville, SC.

5. **Thomas Lining Guerard** born 1875 in SC; married **Emma M. Darby** in 1904; he died 1961 in Charleston, SC.

CHILDREN OF JAMES DAVID BROWN & CLARA ANN GELZER:

1. **ANNIE MARION BROWN** born 05 August 1874 in Camden County, GA; married

EDWIN NEWTON KING in Camden County, GA - three kids; died 17 November 1940 Miami, FL; buried at City Cemetery in Miami, FL.

1. **Edna Marion King** born 03 March 1896 Camden County, GA; married **Earl Wilson** 15 July 1917 Miami, FL; died 09 December 1965 in Miami, FL; both buried at City Cemetery in Miami.

2. **Robert Newton King** born 18 October 1899 in Miami, FL; died 28 October 1901 in Miami; buried at City Cemetery in Miami.

3. **Eugene Julius King**

6. **John Edwin Brown** born 24 February 1920 in Miami, FL; WWII Veteran; married **Anna Klutsch** in Miami, FL; she was born 12 April 1929 in Koln, Germany; he died 10 December 1980 in Miami, FL and is buried at Woodlawn Park Cemetery in Miami, FL; she died January 1994 & is buried at sea.

4. **MARY ALICE BROWN "May"** born 17 October 1880 in Camden County, GA; married **EDGAR COOPER GAUNT** 12 June 1897 in Miami, FL - four kids; died 20 February 1970 in Miami, FL; both buried at Woodlawn Park Cemetery in Miami, FL.

1. **James Tate Gaunt** born 08 November 1900 in Miami, FL; married Lois Burghay of Brunswick, GA; died 20 December 1987; buried at Ft. Denaud Cemetery in La Belle, FL.

2. **Daisy Elizabeth Gaunt** born 03 June 1903 in Miami, FL; married **Ralph Hopkins Brown**.

3. **Carrie Mae Gaunt** born 1906 in Miami, FL; married **Wilfred A. Griffin**; died 13 February 1992; both buried Woodlawn Park Cemetery in Miami, FL.

4. **Edith Claire Gaunt** born 12 October 1915 in Miami, FL; married **David Chapell "Doc" Brown III**.

5. **CLAUDE EUGENE BROWN** born 25 May 1887 in Camden County, GA; married **EDNA EARL CHEVES** 10 December 1910 in Gainesville, FL - 2 kids; she was born 06 September 1889 in Waldo, FL & died 01 April 1939 in Miami; he died 28 August 1971 in Miami, FL; both buried at City Cemetery in Miami, FL.

1. **Claude Eugene Brown Jr.** born 21 May 1916 in Miami, FL; died 22 May 1916; buried City Cemetery in Miami, FL.

2. **Mary Katherine Brown** born 30 December 1917 in Miami, FL; married **Homer Keating Eldridge** 11 December 1975 in Denver, CO; he was born 21 September 1920 in Ft. Collins, CO & died 22 August 1988 & buried at Grandview Cem. in Ft. Collins, CO.

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