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WILLIAM CLIFTON

Revolutionary War Soldier

(c1745-1793)

and

Descendants

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WILLIAM CLIFTON, Revolutionary War Soldier (c1745-1793)

William Clifton, forefather of the large family connection in south Georgia and Florida, was born c1745 probably in Kent County, Delaware and likely a son of John Clifton, Sr. William came with his family to Onslow County, North Carolina by 1765 where they settled along the banks of the New River. The elder Clifton witnessed a deed there on April 5, 1766 between John Haws and Jacob Gidden. William served as a witness there on January 16, 1768 to a deed between Lewis Williams and William Jones. The children of John Clifton, Sr. were probably: (1) William, the subject, (2) Ezekial (R.S.), who married Sarah Blackshear and died in Jones County, North Carolina in 1792, (3) Richard (R.S.), (4) John, Jr. (R.S.), who married Penelope Ward, (5) Peter (R.S.), who died in Bertie County, North Carolina in 1788, (6) Levin, who settled in Beaufort County, South Carolina by 1790 and (7) Elizabeth, who became the wife of Benjamin Chambers. John Clifton, Sr. is believed to have died in Onslow County, North Carolina c1770 or not long thereafter.

By 1773, William Clifton, his brother John, Jr. and his sister Elizabeth removed north into Bertie County, North Carolina, where family tradition says they settled along the Roanoke River. Their brother Peter settled there as early as 1769 according to tax digests. William was married there on July 29, 1773 to Elizabeth Wheeler Hale, who may have been a young widow and a daughter of Henry Wheeler, a pioneer settler of that section.

William Clifton enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Army of North Carolina while a resident of the Warrenton District. It is believed he may have been the same individual by that name who enlisted on December 24, 1777 in Cook's 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel John Williams and served three years as a sergeant.

About 1781, William, his wife and children, migrated to Georgia where they settled along the banks of the Great Ogeechee River at a place that later came to be known as "Clifton's Ferry," south of Scarborough in present-day Jenkins County, but at that time a portion of Effingham County. William received a bounty grant for his land, which he surveyed himself on November 3, 1783, and which describes his property as 50 acres of "corn land" surrounded by pine timber and water oaks, located along the south side of the Great Ogeechee below Scull's Creek and one mile above the Ferry.

William Clifton was employed by the state of Georgia as a District Surveyor. Early land plat records of this region bear his name. He was later certified by Brigadier General Samuel Elbert as a patriot for the Whig cause during the American Revolution. He received several more bounty grants from the state of Georgia including 125 acres in Effingham County in 1785, 150 acres in Burke County in 1789 and yet another 225 acres in Effingham in 1789.

To William and Elizabeth Clifton were born the following children:

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|----|-----------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1- | Ezekial Clifton | b. 1773 | m. Elizabeth Roberts |
| 2- | John Clifton | b. 1774 | m.(1) Elizabeth Williams
(2) Eunice Stancil |
| 3- | William Clifton | b. 1776 | m. Sarah Coleman |
| 4- | Sarah Clifton | b. 1777 | m. Nathaniel Cowart |
| 5- | Mary Clifton | b. 1780 | m. Jesse Lewis |
| 6- | Thomas Clifton | b. 1782 | m. Mary Ann Williams |
| 7- | Henry Clifton | b. 1783 | m. Rachel Jones |

The original Clifton homeplace was located near the boundaries of the counties of Burke and Effingham and later Screven. The county lines have changed several times throughout the course of history.

William Clifton, died about 1793. His remains were laid to rest on his property along the banks of the Great Ogeechee below Scarborough, Georgia.

His widow Elizabeth and their children continued residing at Clifton's Ferry for several years. She received a widow's bounty grant of 200 acres of pine land along the waters of House Creek on July 7, 1794, and yet another grant of 200 acres in Bulloch County in 1804.

On October 17, 1815, while a resident of Screven County, she deeded to her son Henry Clifton 100 acres of land upon which she lived as well as a feather bed and some furniture. She ordered 25 head of stock cattle to be divided amongst her sons.

Elizabeth Clifton died about 1826 and was buried beside her husband in the old family graveyard. After her death, the children sold their shares of the property they inherited to Simeon Banks.

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SOURCES: North Carolina Taxpayers
Deed Records of Onslow Co., N.C.
Marriage bonds of Bertie Co., N.C.
North Carolina Roster of the Revolution
Headrights & Bounty Grants in Georgia
Effingham Co., GA. records
Deed Records of Screven Co., GA.
Deed Records of Bulloch Co., GA.

WILLIAM CLIFTON

(1776-1842)

William Clifton, son of William Clifton, Sr., a Revolutionary War Soldier, and his wife Elizabeth Wheeler Hale, was born in 1776 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He came with his parents, as a child, to Georgia where they settled at "Clifton's Ferry" along the waters of the Great Ogeechee River below Scarborough in present-day Jenkins County.

William, the subject, was married about 1815 in Burke County, Georgia to Sarah Coleman, who was born there in 1795. Soon after marriage, they migrated south-westward into what was then Tattnall County, where William's brother Ezekial had settled two decades earlier. They made their home along a 350 acre tract along the banks of Big Rocky Creek. This property is located adjacent to U.S. Highway #1, south of Lyons on the north side of Rocky Creek Bridge in present-day Toombs County.

William and Sarah Clifton were the parents of three children as follows:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Thomas Ezekial Clifton | b. 1818 |
| | m. (1) Mary McGill |
| | (2) Mary Jane Williams |
| 2- Martha Ann Clifton | b. 1822 |
| | m. James Irvin Burlong |
| 3- William Clifton | b. 1831 |
| | m. Rebecca Ann Sharpe |

Like his father, William was said to have been employed by the state of Georgia as a surveyor. He accumulated sizeable tracts of land in the area. In 1822, he was granted 350 acres and in 1839 he received yet another grant of 720 acres. He no doubt farmed on much of this property.

William Clifton died on Wednesday, July 20, 1842 at the age of 66. His body sleeps in the Old William Clifton Family Graveyard on his property near his homeplace.

His widow Sarah lived to the advanced age of 79. She died at her home on Sunday, September 14, 1873 and was buried beside her husband. She left a will recorded in Tattnall County records, in which she bequeathed to her daughter Martha Burlong 640 acres, the heirs of her deceased son Thomas E. Clifton 665 acres along Little Rocky Creek, and the heirs of her deceased son William Clifton 625 acres along Rocky Creek. She left her grandsons Leander and Nathan, who resided with her, 588 acres of property along with two good beds, furniture and clothing. The remainder of her estate was divided between her heirs.

On the original Clifton lands just across a field from the old family graveyard above Rocky Creek, there stands an old nineteenth century log cabin. One wonders whether this structure was once the residence of our bygone Clifton ancestors.

THOMAS EZEKIAL CLIFTON (1818-1870)

Thomas Ezekial Clifton, eldest child of William Clifton and his wife Sarah Coleman, was born in 1818 in Screven County, Georgia. He came with his parents at a young age to Tattnall County where they made their home along the banks of Big Rocky Creek in present-day Toombs County.

Thomas was married on January 1, 1843 in Tattnall County to Miss Mary McGill, daughter of Peter and Flora McGill, who immigrated from Scotland to North Carolina and later settled in Montgomery County, where Mary was born in the year 1820. She died in 1860 and Thomas was married a second time on June 27, 1865 to Mary Jane E.C. Williams, a daughter of Benjamin Williams and his wife Hannah McNabb. She was born in 1843 in Tattnall County and was the mother of Thomas' youngest two daughters.

Thomas Ezekial Clifton, one of the most prosperous farmers of his day, died in 1870. He is no doubt buried in the Old Clifton family graveyard along the banks of Rocky Creek south of Lyons. His massive property holdings of 6, 471 acres were divided amongst his children.

THE THOMAS EZEKIAL CLIFTON FAMILY

I. WILLIAM H. CLIFTON b. 1843 d. Sep. 1869
married Emaline B. Dame, daughter of George Dame, Sr. He moved to Dupont in Clinch County, Ga. in 1861 and served as postmaster at Lawton from Apr. 2, 1866 till the time he committed suicide. Issue:

A. John Clifton b. 1863
B. Tallulah B. Clifton b. Jul. 10, 1864 d. Aug. 30, 1892
m. J.A. Mobley

II. FLORA CLIFTON b. May 1844 d. Mar. 23, 1915
married Archibald L. McBride on December 12, 1867 in Tattnall Co., Ga. He was born May of 1847 and died Oct. 29, 1918. Both are buried in the Sharpe Cemetery in Toombs County. Issue:

A. John McBride b. 1868
m. Catherine Ada Sharpe
B. William McBride b. 1869
C. George W. McBride b. Mar. 1874
m. Eliza Jane Sharpe
D. Clayton McBride b. Oct. 1879 d. 1965
m. Annie
E. Lillie McBride b. May 1882
F. Mary McBride b. Apr. 1884
G. Edward McBride b. Nov. 22, 1887 d. Sep. 28, 1947

III. EZEKIEL CLIFTON b. 1846 d. 1870
married Margaret E. Graham, called "Maggie", on November 30, 1865 in Tattnall Co., Ga. She was a daughter of James Graham and Sallie Stripling. She was born Jun. 8, 1852 in Tattnall Co. and died Apr. of 1885. Both are buried in the Old Clifton Family Graveyard south of Lyons. Issue:

A. James Robert Clifton b. Aug. 28, 1866 d. Dec. 22, 1940
m. Amarintha Orianna Sharpe "Amma"
B. Mary Julia Clifton b. Apr. 9, 1867 d. Feb. 23, 1963
m. William Clifton Ganey
C. Florence Ezekiel Clifton b. Jan. 6, 1870 d. May 8, 1962
m. Hansell Harmon Sharpe "Tood"
D. Ursula "Sula" Clifton b. 1874
m. Soloman D. Todd
E. Catherine Clifton b. 1881
m. Frank Price
F. Clinton E. Clifton b. May 1882
Never Married
G. Elton E. Clifton b. 1885
m. Louis Keely

IV. LEVIN CLIFTON b. 1847 d. 1870
married Martha Ann Ganey on Apr. 18, 1867. She was a daughter of William and Frances Ganey and was born Feb. 25, 1852 and died Aug. 23, 1916. Martha married second to Elbert McDonald. She is buried at Center Methodist Church in Toombs County. Issue:

A. William L. Clifton b. Feb. 26, 1868 d. Feb. 5, 1925
 m. Sophia Idona Williamson, issue:
 1. Neal L. Clifton b. Jan. 17, 1886
 m. Cora Burch
 2. Agnes Missouri Clifton b. Nov. 5, 1887
 3. William Levin Clifton b. Mar. 1890
 4. Otto H. Clifton b. Dec. 23, 1892
 5. Anton Devro Clifton b. Jun. 16, 1894
 6. Ruby Marie Clifton b. Apr. 24, 1896
 7. Ella Clifton b. May 17, 1899

B. Levin L. Clifton b. Dec. 1, 1869 d. Mar. 26, 1939
 m. Lilla E. Stanley
 1. Corrie Clifton b. Mar. 1893
 m. Leon O'Neal
 2. William H. Clifton b. Dec. 21, 1895 d. Mar. 21, 1954
 m. Abbie Phillips
 3. Frederick Arthur Clifton Jul. 20, 1898 d. Jul. 4, 1974
 m. Mattie Holland
 4. Carl Thomas Clifton b. 1908 d. Apr. 25, 1989
 m. Mertie Mae Willis

V. THOMAS CLIFTON b. Jun. 5, 1850 d. Nov. 5, 1882
 married Elizabeth Jane Gibbs on Sep. 15, 1869 in Montgomery Co.
 She was born January 1854 and died May 12, 1924. Both are buried in
 the Old Gibbs Cemetery at Uvalda in Montgomery Co. Issue:

A. Pope Clifton b. 1872 d. 1880
 Never Married
 B. Laura E. Clifton b. Jun. 16, 1875 d. Jul. 4, 1886
 Never Married
 C. James C. Clifton b. May 18, 1878 d. Nov. 6, 1942
 m. Addie Crosby
 D. Ernest W. Clifton b. Oct. 1879
 E. Eudelle Clifton b. Feb. 1883

VI. PETER CLIFTON b. Jan. 19, 1851 d. Sep. 23, 1909
 married 1st to Mary Elizabeth Gibbs on Dec. 24, 1869. She was a
 daughter of Hiram Gibbs and was born Jan. 8, 1852 and died Jul. 19, 1886.
 She is buried in the Old Gibbs Cemetery at Uvalda. Peter and Mary
 were the parents of six children. He married 2nd to Littleton Elizabeth
 "Littie" Sharpe, daughter of Littleton Sharpe and Caroline C. McAllister.
 She was born on Jun. 29, 1864 and died on Oct. 17, 1949. Peter Clifton
 was a prominent naval stores operator and was prominent in politics,
 having been in the General Assembly for many years. He introduced the
 bill that created Toombs County. He later served as the first mayor of
 the city of Lyons and was also a Mason. Peter and Littie are buried in
 the Lyons City Cemetery. Issue:

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A. Thomas Ezekiel Clifton	b. Feb. 4, 1871	d. Nov. 8, 1882
	Never Married	
B. Infant Daughter Clifton	b. 1875	d. 1875
	Never Married	
C. Ebenezer Clifton	b. Nov. 21, 1878	d. Jan. 31, 1879
	Never Married	
D. Janie Clifton	b. Sep. 1879	
	m. J.P. Duffie	
E. Hiram Johnson Clifton	b. Jun. 19, 1882	d. Dec. 30, 1939
	m. Georgia Lee Martin	
F. Maybelle Clifton	b. May 15, 1885	d. Jan. 8, 1969
	m. Jacob Perry Pughsley	
G. Lester Clifton	b. Oct. 30, 1890	d. Jun. 15, 1919
	Never married	
H. Catherine "Kate" Clifton	b. Jun. 10, 1895	d. May 26, 1957
	m. John Durst	
I. Daniel Peter Clifton	b. Nov. 29, 1897	d. Oct. 4, 1935
	Never Married	
J. Caroline "Carrie" Clifton	b. Oct. 30, 1901	d. Jan. 5, 1970
	m. Alton Cumbee	
K. Edward Davis Clifton	b. Mar. 2, 1903	d. Aug. 30, 1968
	m. (1) Matilda J. Wilson	
	(2) Joan Page	

VII. JOHN HAMILTON CLIFTON

b. Sep. 1852
m. Anna Dixon

VIII. LEANDER CLIFTON

b. Jul. 28, 1851 d. Nov. 5, 1913
married Mariah Elizabeth Sharpe on Jul. 30, 1875 in Tattnall Co. She was born Feb. 15, 1855 in Charlton Co., Ga. and died Feb. 3, 1909 in Toombs Co., a daughter of Rev. John T. Sharpe and Evaline Mariah Mattox. Both are buried in the Old Clifton Family Graveyard along Rocky Creek south of Lyons. Issue:

A. Charles hyson Clifton	b. Jun. 1875	
	m. Sarah lisa Jane Higgs	
B. John H. Clifton	b. Dec. 1876	
	m.	
C. Emma Jane Clifton	b. Dec. 24, 1878	d. Oct. 30, 1929
	m. (1) J.A. McSwain	
D. Martha V. Clifton	b. 1881	
	m. J.I.T. Worthy	
E. Lenora D. Clifton	b. Apr. 4, 1882	d. Jan. 22, 1945
	m. John Edward Higgs	
F. William Thomas Clifton	b. Apr. 22, 1885	d. Sep. 1, 1912
	m. Maude Moore	
G. Birda Rebecca Clifton	b. May 1887	
	m. John B. Todd	
H. Laughton R. Clifton	b. Jun. 1889	d. Jun. 9, 1942
	m.	
I. Mariah Elizabeth Clifton	b. Jan. 4, 1892	d. Oct. 6, 1907
	m. J.E. Dixon	
J. Rufus E. Clifton	b. Oct. 1894	d. Jan. 16, 1921
	Never Married	
K. Leander Lee Clifton	b. Aug. 22, 1897	d. Oct. 27, 1963
	m. Lula Tomlin	

IX. NATHAN CLIFTON b. Mar. 1854 d. Sep. 27, 1925
married Sarah Sheffield, a native of Liberty Co., Ga. on Mar. 5, 1874.
She was born in June of 1855. Nathan is buried in the Old Clifton Family
Graveyard along the banks of Rocky Creek south of Lyons. Issue:

- A. Ursula Clifton b. Nov. 3, 1875 d. May 2, 1957
m. Levy McSwain
- B. John Elza Clifton b. 1877
m. Martha Worthy
- C. Julia Ann Clifton b. Aug. 7, 1879 d. Nov. 13, 1958
m. Onan Fielding Sharpe
- D. Benjamin Hill Clifton b. Oct. 3, 1881 d. Aug. 27, 1954
m. Bertha Edna Sharpe
- E. Mary Clifton b. Mar. 1883
m. Mike Sapp
- F. Chelsie E. Clifton b. Dec. 1887
m. Charlie Lee Sammons
- G. Peter M. Clifton b. Feb. 1890
m. Lelia M. James
- H. Sarah Clifton b. Oct. 1893
m. Arnold Edenfield
- I. Bertha Clifton b. Jan. 1896
m. John Morrison
- J. Hattie O. Clifton b. Dec. 4, 1897 d. Sep. 24, 1975
m. Charles wesley Higgs

X. MARTHA CLIFTON b. 1860 d. Jul. 3, 1930
married 1st Lemuel Gordon Sharpe and 2nd Albert Emanuel Clarke.
She is buried in the Sharpe Cemetery in Toombs County.

XII. JERUSA LOU CLIFTON b. Aug. 4, 1868 d. Feb. 13, 1942
married Ebenezer S. Gibbs on Oct. 21, 1886. He was born Feb. 14, 1851
and died Jan. 16, 1924. Both are buried in the Old Gibbs Cemetery at
Uvalda in Montgomery County. Issue:

- A. Frank Gibbs b. Dec. 1889
- B. Maude Gibbs b. Aug. 30, 1893 d. Oct. 7, 1974
m. Arthur G. Johnson
- C. George Dewey Gibbs b. Jul. 3, 1898 d. Mar. 10, 1972

XIII. HANNAH ELIZABETH CLIFTON b. 1870 d.
married "Kit" Mayers. Issue:

- A. Anna Mayers b. Jul. 1889

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CAPTAIN EZEKIEL CLIFTON

(1773-1852)

Ezekiel Clifton was born in 1773 in Bertie County, North Carolina, a son of William Clifton, a Revolutionary War Soldier and his wife Elizabeth Wheeler Hale. The Cliftons came to Georgia in 1780 and made their home along the Great Ogeechee River at "Clifton's Ferry", south of Scarborough in present-day Jenkins County. After reaching adulthood, Ezekiel moved to Montgomery County to that section that was later cut into Tattnall County. He was married about 1795 to Miss Elizabeth Roberts, a daughter of Nathan Roberts. She was the same age as Ezekiel, having been born in 1773 in North Carolina. The Cliftons made their home in southeast Toombs County in present-day Marvin community. Ezekiel and Elizabeth were the parents of the following children:

1- Nathan Clifton	b. Dec. 25, 1797	m. Versaney
2- Elizabeth Clifton	b. Feb. 8, 1799	Never Married
3- Martha Clifton	b. Jan. 23, 1801	m. McLendon Ganey
4- William Clifton	b. Jun. 24, 1803	m. Susannah Sharpe
5- Levin Clifton	b. Feb. 13, 1806	m. Martha Ganey
6- Harriett Clifton	b. Jun. 1, 1808	m. Rev. John Jones
7- Mary Ann Clifton	b. May 6, 1810	m. William Harden
8- Jane Clifton	b. May 17, 1812	m. Died Young
9- Caroline Clifton	b. Mar. 14, 1814	Died Young
10- Emily Clifton	b. Jul. 25, 1816	Died Young
11- Ezekiel Clifton	b. Apr. 23, 1819	Died Young

Ezekiel Clifton soon became one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens in this section of the state. He engaged in farming and stock raising, primarily hogs and goats. The Clifton plantation sat on a 400 acre tract of land bordering Pendleton Creek. Ezekiel also held title to property in other sections of the state, primarily Lowndes County and Houston County.

Ezekiel Clifton was elected as the first sheriff of Tattnall County, an office which he held for several terms. Having been elected Captain of the local militia, he became known state-wide for his leadership in numerous Indian battles. His service was instrumental in the Battle at Echowanotchaway Swamp in Randolph County in west Georgia in late January of 1836.

Captain Ezekiel Clifton died at his home on Tuesday, August 17, 1852 and is said to have been laid to rest in the Old Clifton-Harden Family Cemetery in Toombs County, on the property of Theron Morris. His will named his son William Clifton, Alexander McRae of Reidsville and Richard C.A. Bryan as executors of his estate. He left his daughter Elizabeth, a spinster, the plantation, provided that she care for her mother and to his son William, he left \$1000. The remainder of his estate, which included goats, hogs, 295 bushels of corn and 1750 pounds of fodder, was divided amongst his heirs,

Elizabeth (Roberts) Clifton lived her golden years at the old homeplace with her daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" Clifton and died on December 21, 1873. Both she and Betsy were buried in the Old Clifton-Harden Family Graveyard.

* Dates obtained by Mr. S.H. Whonic of Jesup, Georgia.

NATHAN CLIFTON (1797-1848)

Nathan Clifton, eldest child of Captain Ezekiel Clifton and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, was born on Monday, December 25, 1797 in Montgomery County, Georgia. After reaching adulthood, he left this section of the state and moved westward where he settled in Stewart County, Georgia. He was one of the early pioneers who helped to organize the town of Florence in the 1830's. Nathan was married about 1834 to Versaney, whose maiden name has not been learned. She was born about 1812 in Georgia. To Nathan and Versaney were born three known children: (1) Nathan Clifton, Jr., b. 1835, (2) Eunice, b. 1840, and (3) Joseph Clifton, b. 1843. The son Nathan served as a 1st Corporal in the Confederate States Army.

Nathan Clifton was a member of the Stewart County Guards in 1836 and was elected Clerk of the Superior Court of Stewart County in 1845. He was inaugurated on January 13, 1846 and was re-elected to a second term the following year. He died on July 17, 1848, before he could fulfill his second term in office.

LEVIN CLIFTON (1806-1840)

Levin Clifton, son of Captain Ezekiel Clifton and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, was born on Thursday, February 13, 1806 in Tattnall County, Georgia. After reaching adulthood, he left the area and made his home at Bainbridge in Decatur County, Georgia where he married Miss Martha Ganey, daughter of Reddick Ganey of Tattnall County. They did not have any children.

Levin Clifton became a Justice of the Peace in 1830 and in 1832 was elected State Representative from Decatur County.

Levin and Martha moved back to Tattnall County where he died about 1840. An appraisement of his estate was made there on May 2, 1840 and shows he owned several hundred acres of property in various portions of the state, including two lots in the town of Bainbridge.

MARTHA (CLIFTON) GANEY (1801-1863)

Martha Clifton, a daughter of Captain Ezekial Clifton and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, was born on Friday, January 23, 1801 in what was then Montgomery County, Georgia. She was married on October 30, 1823 in Tattnall County, Georgia to McLendon Ganey, who was born in 1790, a son of Reddick Ganey, an early pioneer settler of this section who came from North Carolina. Immediately after marriage, the Ganey's moved to Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia where they were residents of Captain Hawthorne's Militia District in 1824. McLendon Ganey was elected as tax collector of Decatur County in 1828. He died before 1840 and his widow and children returned to Tattnall County where they made their home in the section that later became southeastern Toombs County. The descendants of this pioneer couple are as follows:

I. MARY ANN GANEY b. Oct. 15, 1824 d. Mar. 1, 1898
married William Sidney Harden (1st cousin) on Feb. 15, 1854 in
Tattnall County. He was born Oct. 2, 1826 and died January 1, 1903 and
was a son of William Harden and Mary Ann Clifton. Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Har-
den were early members of Harden's Methodist Chapel in Toombs County.
Both are buried in the Old Clifton-Harden Family Graveyard. Issue:

A. Thomas Harden b. 1855
B. Eliza Harden b. 1857
C. Elizabeth Harden b. Sep. 26, 1858 d. Apr. 23, 1887
m. Isaiah Mike Harden
D. Martha Harden b. 1860
E. Emma L. Harden b. Nov. 4, 1861 d. Mar. 1, 1938
m. Lazereth Brewer
F. Decatur Harden b. Mar. 5, 1863 d. Sep. 29, 1906
G. William Sidney Harden b. Feb. 11, 1865 d. Oct. 2, 1939
m. Della Irene Sharpe
H. Ella Harden b. Apr. 1868
m. (1) Hampton Sharpe
(2) Tillman D. Ricks

II. WILLIAM GANEY b. 1829 d. 1863
married Frances Johnson, daughter of John and Priscilla Johnson.
She was born in 1830 in Wilkinson County, Georgia. William was killed
in the War between the States. After his death, his widow remarried
to John O'Bryan. William and Frances were both members of Harden's
Methodist Chapel. Issue:

A. Martha Ann Ganey b. Feb. 25, 1852 d. Aug. 23, 1916
married 1st to Levin Clifton (see Thomas Ezekiel Clifton family).
He was born Apr. 1847 and died in 1870. She married 2nd to Elbert
McDonald on Dec. 4, 1884. He was born Feb. 10, 1857 and died Sep.
2, 1944. Elbert and Martha are buried at Center United Methodist
Church in Toombs County. Issue: (see next page)

1. William L. Clifton b. Feb. 26, 1868 d. Feb. 5, 1925
m. Sophia Idona Williamson
2. Levin L. Clifton b. Dec. 1, 1869 d. Mar. 26, 1939
m. Lilla E. Stanley
3. Ann Jane McDonald b. Apr. 7, 1885 d. Oct. 7, 1917
m. Charlie M. Durden
4. Lula D. McDonald b. Aug. 1887
5. Emmie E. McDonald b. Feb. 1890
6. George W. McDonald b. Jan. 1893
7. Albert McDonald b. Mar. 1895

B. Elizabeth L. Ganey b. Oct. 11, 1859 d. Apr. 13, 1923
married G. Bryant Fiveash. She is buried at Center Methodist Church in Toombs County.

III. BRYANT GANEY b. 1830 d. Dec. 24, 1861
married Sarah Rollison. She was born in Tattnall County in 1843. Bryant enlisted in Company "E", 29th Regiment of the Georgia Volunteer Infantry in Clinch County on November 14, 1861. He died in a Savannah, Georgia hospital as a result of pneumonia. Issue:

A. William Clifton Ganey b. Feb. 12, 1859 d. Dec. 21, 1928
married Mary Julia Clifton, daughter of Ezekiel Clifton and Margaret E. Graham. Issue:

1. Ollie Ganey
2. Mabel (Ganey) Kirkland
3. Clisby Ganey
4. William Plenny Ganey
5. Bessie (Ganey) Kirkland
6. Linton Ganey
7. Frances (ganey) Moore
8. Dovie (ganey) Brady

B. Emma Ganey b. 1863

IV. ANN GANEY b. Mar. 1, 1833 d. Jun. 8, 1921
married Hamilton Sharpe on Nov. 29, 1853 in Montgomery Co., a son of Groves Sharpe, Jr. and Anna Higgs. He was born on August 3, 1832 and died Jul. 27, 1862 in Richmond, Virginia as a result of a knee injury received in battle. He was buried in the Confederate Cemetery. Ann was buried in the Sharpe Cemetery in Toombs County. Issue:

- A. Martha Ann Sharpe b. Nov. 13, 1854 d. Dec. 12, 1939
m. Richard B. Cowart
- B. Bryant McLendon Sharpe b. Jun. 14, 1856 d. Nov. 7, 1881
Never Married
- C. Laura Emily Sharpe b. Jun. 15, 1858 d. Jan. 20, 1940
Never Married-Issue
- D. Thomas W. Sharpe b. 1860
- E. Hampton Sharpe b. Jun. 13, 1862 d. Jun. 20, 1905
m. Ella Harden

V. DECATUR GANEY b. 1835
Nothing further known.

COLONEL WILLIAM CLIFTON

(1803-1873)

William Clifton, son of Captain Ezekiel Clifton and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, was born on Friday June 24, 1803 in Tattnall County, Georgia.

Like his father, he engaged in the business of stock-raising and became one of the most prominent leaders and citizens in this section of the state. He was married in Tattnall County on April 27, 1836 to Miss Susannah Sharpe, a daughter of John Thomas Sharpe and his wife Rebecca Lassiter. She was a native of Tattnall County, having been born there on Tuesday, February 1, 1820. The Cliftons made their home in the present-day Marvin community of Toombs County.

William Clifton served as Colonel of the 6th Regiment Militia, a position which he acquired on April 19, 1836. He was instrumental in defending the ar in Indian conflicts in 1838. He was also prominent in politics and served as Justice of the Peace, Clerk of Court, Justice of the Inferior Court and stat representative at various times throughout the period prior to the Civil War,

According to Memoirs of Georgia, William " made a life pursuit of farming and stock raising, but having developed under the instruction of Christopher Bowland, the famous Irish mathematician, unusual mathematical ability, made an enviable reputation as a surveyor. He was employed by the United States Government to survey portions of the Cherokee country in north Georgia, and was highly complimented by the then governor of the state for the excellence of his work."

Colonel William Clifton died on his plantation in southern Toombs County (then Tattnall) on Sunday, December 21, 1873. He was buried in the Clifton Family Cemetery on the right side of his homeplace, adjacent to the Old River Road. Today, this cemetery is one of the best kept and tended resting places in all the county. William left a will recorded in Tattnall County which divided his property amongst his children.

His widow, Susannah (Sharpe) Clifton, continued residing on the homeplace until her death on Saturday, February 21, 1904. Her remains were laid to rest beside her husband.

* Mr. S.H. Whonic of Jesup, Georgia has done considerable research on this branch of the Clifton clan.

MARY ANN (CLIFTON) HARDEN

(1810-1889)

Mary Ann Clifton, daughter of Captain Ezekiel Clifton and his wife Elizabeth Roberts, was born on Sunday, May 6, 1810 in Tattnall County, Georgia. She was married there to Rev. William Harden, a Methodist minister and a native of South Carolina, who was born on March 12, 1808. They lived in the southeastern section of present-day Toombs County. Rev. Harden died on January 24, 1884 and Mary Ann died on January 22, 1889. Both are buried in the churchyard at Mount Moriah Methodist Church in Toombs County. William and Mary Ann were the parents of the following children:

- I. WILLIAM SIDNEY HARDEN b. Oct. 2, 1826 d. Jan. 1, 1903
married Mary Ann Ganey (1st cousin) on Feb. 15, 1854 in Tattnall Co. She was a daughter of McLendon Ganey and Martha Clifton and was born Oct. 15, 1824 and died Mar. 1, 1898. Both are buried in the Old Clifton-Harden Family Graveyard in Toombs County. For their children, see the section on Martha (Clifton) Ganey, daughter of Capt. Ezekiel Clifton.
- II. THOMAS HARDEN b. 1841
- III. ANNA LELIA HARDEN b. Oct. 8, 1851 d. May 26, 1912
married Robert A. Giles, son of Rev. Jesse J. Giles and his wife Emily. He was born Jul. 10, 1854 and died Sep. 2, 1903. Both are buried at Mount Moriah Methodist Church. Issue:
 - A. Claudius Clifton Giles b. Aug. 20, 1877 d. Jun. 22, 1907
 - B. Robert Clinton Giles b. Jan. 28, 1884 d. Jun. 1, 1947
 - C. William Leroy Giles m. Ethel Bomar
b. Jul. 23, 1888 d. Nov. 4, 1948