

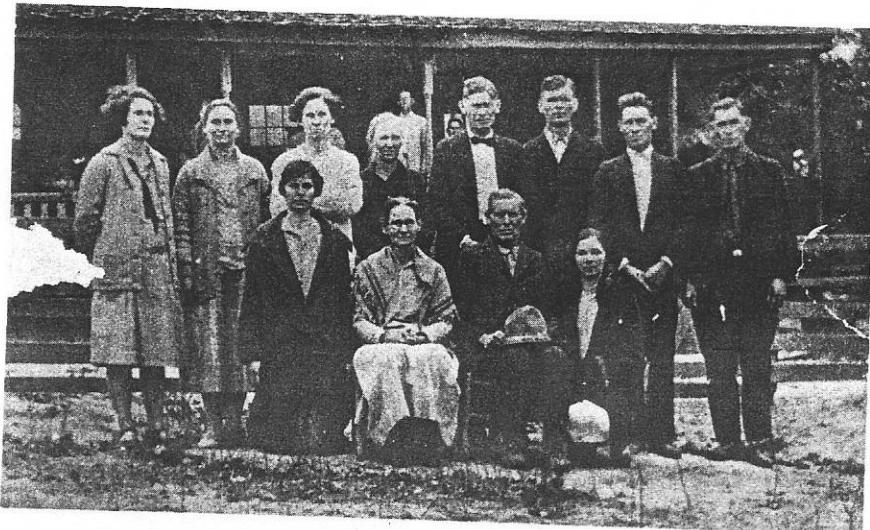
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ALVIN MYERS  
1827 - 1902

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JIMMIE FRANKLIN (JIM) MYERS married Virgie Duckworth	born June 27 1903 died	4
NETTIE EARL MYERS married : Andrew Little	born Oct. 17 1906 died	
AVIE MYERS (ROBERTS) married : Colan Roberts		



THE CHARLIE MYERS FAMILY

l. to r., front : Ava, Nettie & Charlie Myers, Earl,  
rear : Beulah, Ella, Lula, Lottie, Anse, Isom, Horace  
and Jim Myers.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC MYERS & Gracie Butler Myers  
Family of Alvin (Alvie) Myers & Leah Alford



Charlie Myers  
as a young man.

CHARLIE A. MYERS - born Aug. 2, 1865, died July 30, 1949, buried Sharon Cemetery, near Magee, married May 18, 1884, Nettie Childress, died April 19, 1947, buried Sharon Cemetery, Smith County, near Magee. They lived in and around Raleigh until they began to grow old, then moved to Magee to be near their children. After the death of his wife, Charlie made his home with his oldest son, Anse and his wife in Magee. At the time of his death he was a retired farmer and cattleman and had 100 descendants. In the words of Anse and Gertrude, "His hobby was horse trading and in his young days he liked Western music and dancing. He had no formal education but was interested in educating his children. In addition to raising his own children, he helped to raise several other children as well. He was a church goer and a Baptist. His house was a haven of rest for all weary horse-back riders, preachers and others. He said that one year he bought 13 barrels of flour." Names of his 10 children:

I. Anselum C. Myers - born June 25, 1887, died April 22, 1970, was at the time of his death, a retired farmer and policeman, living at his home in Magee where he had lived for

many years. He was a member of Magee Baptist church. His wife, the former Gertrude Hannah, runs a boarding house in Magee. Five children were born :

A. Caley Myers - born May 18, 1914, married Emma Mangum, two children:

- (1) Jerry Myers - born April 5, 1941
- (2) Bobby Myers - born Aug. 31, 1943

B. Helon Myers (Bush) - born Oct. 13, 1922, married Jesse Bush.

C. Mildred Myers (Eason)(Gore) - born Jan. 9, 1925. Married first Billie Eason, one child. Married second Johnny Gore, one child:

- (1) Dorothea Eason - born July 17, 1947
- (2) Johnny Gore - born Feb. 26, 1952

D. Hilda Lou Myers (Dukes) - born Aug. 18, 1928 married Tommy Dukes. Two children:

- (1) Stanley Dukes - born Feb. 26, 1958
- (2) Dale Dukes - born Feb. 6, 1960

E. Emma Jean Myers (Brewer) - born May 25, 1934, married Hastel Brewer - Two children:

- (1) Helon Brewer - born July 29, 1958
- (2) Sandra Brewer - born Feb. 8, 1965

II. Lottie Ora Myers (Arender) - born Oct. 21, 1888, married Alhennon H. Arender, 11 children, 47 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren at the time of her death:

A. Hulen Leslie Arender - born Feb. 2, 1907, married and has 8 children, Taylorsville, Miss.

B. Merble Jane Arender (Dukes) - married Louie Dukes, teaches high school English at White Oak School, in Smith County. Four children:

- (1) Ruby Joyce Dukes (Fortenberry) married Shelby Fortenberry, children: Shirley, Betty,
- (2) Janet Dukes (Rogers) -
- (3) Eleanor Dukes (McArthur)
- (4) Jane Dukes (Irwin) m Aubrey Irwin,
  - \* David Irwin
  - \* Debra Irwin



Stone of Alvie  
Myers, Salem Cem.  
in Covington Co.,  
near Collins.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC MYERS & Gracie Butler Myers  
 Family of Alvie Myers & Leah Alford  
 Family of Charlie Myers & Nettie Childress Myers

C. Jewell Essie Arender (Dukes) married James Vardamen Dukes, 3 children: Nelda, W.A., and Cleta Dukes.  
 D. Herschel Arender married Alice Sykes - Clinton.  
 E. Ora Betty Arender (Dukes) m Brantley Dukes 7 <sup>gh</sup>: Geraldine, Aline, John Brantley, Elizabeth, Carolyn, Robert Earl, and Shirley Dukes.  
 F. Coley Arender, married 1st Louise Sowell, 2nd he married a Miss Farah.  
 G. Clyde Arender - a former member of Bethel Bap. Church in Rankin County, also a former pastor of Robinhood Bap. Mission in Rankin County. Married 1st Naomi Wynn, 2nd Ruby Hodges.  
 H. Ruth Arender (Allen) m Bill Allen, Raleigh, N.C.  
 I. Charlotte Arender (Runnels) m Gaston Runnels  
 J. Camille Arender (Richter) married Charles Richter  
 K. Maxine Arender (Chisolm) married S.V. Chisolm 5 c Maxine, Judy, Annie Fay, Tommy, and Sonny Chisolm, McRaven Rd.  
 III. Lula May Myers, born Oct. 3, 1890, deceased. Magee.  
 IV. Charlie Horace Myers - born May 27, 1892, married 1st Ella Blackwell, 2nd Mrs. Violas Bailey Shows.  
 V. Isum Eugene Myers - born March 15, 1894, married Pearl Blackwell, daughter of Cornelius (Love) Blackwell and Sarah Margaret Bryant (Blackwell) born May 15, 1891. They live on 2nd Avenue, Jackson where they rent out part of their two-storied home. Isum is a finished carpenter still actively employed (1971) Five children were born to them as follows:

A. Daniel Clyde Myers - born Oct. 8, 1912, married Marvel Jones, a school teacher and graduate of MSCW. Clyde is retired after 20 years service as an immigrant officer at Fort Myers, Florida. He now works in a sheriff's office. 2 children:  
 (1) Daniel Clyde Myers Jr. is a graduate of University of Florida, at Tallahassee.

(2) Jimmie Myers is a graduate of Tallahassee High School, in Florida.

B. King Durwood Myers - born Jan. 5, 1918, married Voda Roberts, one child:

(1) Durwood Latrell Myers - born about 1948 married Janice Ross. One child:

a. Durwood Eugene Myers

C. Hazeline Myers (Knight) born Aug. 20, 1920, m Richard T. (Dick) Knight. Two children:

(1) Dian Knight (Head) born January 14, 1946 married Sparky Head, Bossier, La. Three children:

a. Terri Lynn Head, b June 7, 1964

b. April Amanda Head, b May 8, 1967

c. Allison Leigh Head, b Jan. 4, 1971

(2) Judith Lynn Knight, born Oct. 1, 1953



Isum E. MYERS



Isum Myers Family

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC MYERS & Gracie Butler Myers  
Family of Alvin Myers & Leah Alford Myers  
Family of Charlie Myers & Nettie Childress Myers

D. Myrtleween Myers (Woods) - born Sept. 20, 1924, has lived in Norfolk, Va. for many years. She was married to Neal Woods. One child:

(1) Weldon Woods, married and has 2 children, Gloria & Adalia.

E. Sara Joyce Myers (Oakes) - born Sept. 9, 1929, married Herman I. Oakes, retired from military service after 20 years of active duty. They live on Santa Clair Street, in Jackson. Two children as follows:

(1) David Wayne Oakes - born September 1960

(2) Dawn Marie Oakes - born Jan. 3, 1965

VI. Mary Ella Myers (Arender) - born Oct. 22, 1895, married Homer Arender, eight children as follows: Ulma, James Howard, Mattie Dee, Myrtis, O'Donnell, Donald Wayne and Shirley.

VII. Beulah Lee Myers (Glisson) - born June 10, 1897, married Onnie Glisson, three children: John Paul, Lynn Dell, Willie Bee Glisson

VIII. Jimmy Franklin (Jim) Myers - born Feb. 1, 1901, Magee, married Virgie Duckworth, seven children:

A. Clara Dell Myers (Capps) - born March 18, 1924, married John Capps. They live in Citrus Heights, California. Two children:

(1) Ronald Wayne (Ron) Capps - born Jan. 26, 1944, is a graduate of Stanford University and Tulane and has done post graduate work at University of California. He was married to Carol Frazier Harris, daughter of Ruth Mansfield Harris and Robert Crawford Harris of Chattanooga, Tenn. One child:

a. John Thomas Capps

born July 4, 1971

(2) Nancy Carol Capps (Cavaness) - born Jan. 31, 1947, married Robert A. Cavaness. One child as follows:

a. Robert Thomas Cavaness

born March 22, 1970

B. Truett Franklin Myers - born June 23, 1925, married Bernice Brewer.

(1) Truett Franklin Myers Jr., born Nov. 2, 1952.

C. Nettie Louise Myers (Green) - born March 18, 1927, married Herman Green of Vidalia, La. They have five children:

(1) Virginia Gayle Green

born November 11, 1950

(2) John Harrison Green

born April 16, 1953

(3) Debra Nellene Green

born June 19, 1954

(4) Robert Marion Green (Bobby), a twin

born July 22, 1959

(5) Darrell Eugene (Buddy) Green, a twin

born July 22, 1959

D. Bonnie Rose Myers (Brown) - born Sept. 22, 1930, married Vance Brown. They live in Clinton and are members of Morrison Heights Baptist Church. Vance teaches at Chastain Junior High School, in Jackson. Two children:

(1) Donna Lynn Brown

born June 18, 1952

(2) Mary Ann Brown

born November 23, 1954

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Family of Charlie Myers & Nettie Childress Myers

E. Leuna Sue Myers (Marcoulier) - born Sept. 17, 1932, was married Dec. 24, 1951, to George Louis Marcoulier. The ceremony was performed at Goodwater Bap. Church, in Magee, Mississippi. They now live in Canaan, New Hampshire where George is assistant dean at Canaan College. Three children were born:

- (1) George Michael Marcoulier  
born September 16, 1952  
Magee, Mississippi
- (2) Mitchell Todd Marcoulier  
born December 23, 1959  
Plymouth, New Hampshire
- (3) Michelle Ann Marcoulier  
born December 15, 1961  
Presque Isle, Maine

F. Kenneth Harold Myers - born November 14, 1940 married Peggy Theriot, 1c  
(1) Danny Myers - born July 27, 1966

G. James Douglas Myers - born Jan. 11, 1944, served in the Air Force.

IX. Nettie Earl Myers (Little) - born June 27, 1903, Magee, Miss. married Andrew Little. Four children for them as follows:

A. Andrew Little Jr. married Peggy Sue Walker. Two children :  
(1) Pat Little  
(2) Pamela Little

B. Cornelia Little (Hall)

C. Betty Jean Little (Cole) married Lucius Cole

D. Vonelle Little (Pruett)

X. Ava (Avie) Myers (Roberts)- born Oct. 17, 1906 m Colon Roberts. 5 children:

A. Billy Dale Roberts - born Feb. 11, 1926, married Grace Runnels.

B. Noble Gene Roberts - born June 14, 1932, married Helen Runnels

C. Jimmy Durline Roberts - born Sept. 24, 1936 married Syble Luckey

D. Larry Dean Roberts - born March 2, 1942

E. Kelly Wayne Roberts - born Dec. 14, 1945, married Sylvia May.

Twins, Bobby and Buddy Green  
and daughter  
children of Mr. and Mrs.  
Herman Green, of Vidalia,  
Louisiana.



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FIRST ANNUAL MYERS REUNION HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 1953, AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISS.



#### FAMILY REUNIONS

No meetings can compare with these reunions that we hold,  
To live again our memories, more precious now than gold.  
Where young and old and in between, come to these great conventions  
And always 'tis familiar names that everybody mentions.

A banquet spread on tables long with faces everywhere  
That happily remind us of our former meetings there.  
Reunions are the parties great where kin folks get together  
To talk about the olden days - or just about the weather.

They are the bonds of kindred souls that tie around the heart  
And seal the lasting promises that relatives really never part.

(With apologies to James Merrill)

## ISAAC MYERS CLAN HOLDS THIRD REUNION, Sept. 11, 1955

Descendants of the late Isaac Myers were gathered from three states for the third annual reunion at Bethel Baptist Church in Rankin County on Sunday, September 11, 1955.

The late Mr. Myers was a native of South Carolina and early pioneer to Mississippi prior to 1816. A genealogical chart was shown by Mrs. Nina Myers Anderson of Jackson in an effort to establish the chronological order of the ten children of Isaac and Gracie Butler Myers.

Special guests of honor for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. H.L. (Fayette) Myers of Jackson, the oldest married couple present and Mrs. Colie Myers Reed, of Magee, the only living child of the late Alvy Myers, son of Isaac.

Tom M. Myers of Jackson, president of the organization for 1955, gave a brief welcome talk following songs, one of which was: "Gathering Home."

New officers elected include: Mrs. Nina Myers Anderson, president; Mrs. Jean Myers O'Keefe, vice-president, Mrs. Luke P. Myers of Magee, publicity chairman; David Aubrey Anderson and Maurice O'Keefe Jr., photographers.

Descendants from the house of C rmen, Alvy, Henry and Mary Jane Myers Ragland were present for the reunion but information is still sought on the lives and descendants of William, Calvin, Asa and Samuel Myers, sons of Isaac. Any one having information on any of these is requested to contact Mrs. Nina M. Anderson, 703 Brandon Avenue, Jackson, Miss.

Guests present include:

Mrs. Jean Myers O'Keefe and Mike of Brandon; Mr. and Mrs. Ike Kendall and children, Jimmie and Mary Edwina; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kersh; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riddle, Miss Sarah Riddle all of the Bethel community.

Mr. "Fayette" and wife Sudie Myers of Jackson; Miss Rosa May Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Ike Bain; Tom M. Myers all of Jackson; Mrs. Nina Myers Anderson, Cliff Anderson, Aubrey Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Brister and children, Tommy, Stevie and Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Berry; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Myers; Ellis Myers, Ed. Myers; Miss Minnie Myers; Mrs. Irene Myers Tarvin; Mrs. Lillian Tarvin Warren and children Catherine and Margie Elaine Warren; Burl Lewis; Isom Myers and daughter, Miss Sarah Joyce Myers; Charlie Clark; Violet Kersh; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Myers and children, Dinette and Gibby, all of Jackson.

Mrs. Mattye Myers Plaster, Mrs. Mary Myers Cook; Harris Plaster and Boyce P. Cook, all of Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Myers and daughter, Sudie Marie Myers, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Cleveland, Sidney Odom all of Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Myers, Mrs. Alice Caughman, Mrs. Bailey Myers, Mrs. Anse Myers, Mrs. Mrs. Earl Myers Little, Milton Myers, Hildon Myers, Mrs. Colie Myers Reed and granddaughter, Mrs. Lavera Hudson Smith, all of Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Myers Sr., Joe Gene Hand all of Terry; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Jackson and children, Dian and Robert of Natchez; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers and son, Dewey Frank of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Myers of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Myers of El Dorado, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Tisdell of Vicksburg and Mr. and Mrs. Caley T. Myers of Good Hope, Louisiana.



Descendants looking over a genealogical chart.



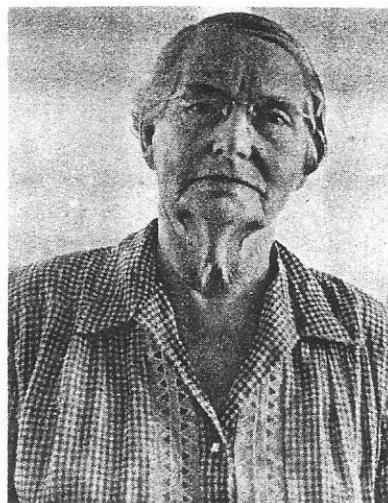
H. L. (Fayette) Myers of Jackson, native of the Bethel Community, giving the invocation, the last prayer he ever prayed in this church.



The oldest couple at the reunion. They will have been married 62 years in December. They were given special honors that day. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Fayette and Sudie Myers.

DESCENDANTS OF THE LATE ISAAC MYERS, a native of S. Carolina who came as a pioneer to Miss - ississippi before it was a state, were gathered September 11, 1955 for their third annual family reunion. It was held at the Bethel Baptist Church of Rankin County on ground that allegedly once belonged to Isaac Myers..

Looking over a genealogical chart are, left to right, Caley Myers, Good Hope, La., Tillman Myers, El Dorado, Ark., Mrs. Lavera Hudson Smith, of Magee, Mrs. Nina Myers Anderson of Jackson and Luke Myers of Magee, Miss.



MRS. COLIE MYERS REED

"Aunt Colie," also an honoree, is the only living child of the late Alvie Myers. She lives near Magee and can give many interesting stories of the life and experiences of her father who was self named, "Alvie, The Bull Of The Woods".

She has lived a full and interesting life herself as she can tell you. She was born December 23, 1876

#### FOURTH ISAAC MYERS REUNION HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 1956, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The fourth annual Myers reunion was held Sunday, September 11, 1956 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Rankin County with approximately 140 people in attendance, representing six states.

The morning was taken up with visitation and an 11 o'clock address by Dr. W. R. Cooper, of Jackson, after which a basket lunch was spread under the pen oak trees.

In the afternoon a program was presented beginning with a welcome address by Mrs. Jean Myers O'Keefe, vice president of the association. A musical program was rendered by Bob Gray's Southernaires of Jackson. A brief history of the Myers family was given by Mrs. Nina Myers Anderson, president of the reunion, followed by a question and answer period. Samuel R. Myers Jr., of Memphis served as master of ceremonies.

Another branch of the Myers clan was represented by Mrs. Sara Myers Rhodes (Phillips), Mrs. Porter Myers and Mrs. Treadwell, all of Birmingham, Alabama. They are descendants of William Henry Kirkland Myers and his wife, Estelle Hale Myers. William Henry Kirkland Myers was the son of Porter Myers Sr. and Sarah Rhodes Myers, son of John Washington Myers who married Mildred Rhodes, (they had two sons: Porter Jacob Myers and Renny Rhodes Myers) son of David Myers, born 1771, Orangeburg, South Carolina. David Myers had a brother, Daniel Myers who came to Mississippi in 1808 - 10.

Still another branch of the clan was Dewey Myers of Prentiss, representing Sheridan Myers, a pioneer to Lawrence County, Mississippi.

Members of the Isaac Myers family present were as follows:

Mrs. Jean Myers O'Keefe and Dr. Maurice O'Keefe with their children, Maurice Jr., Bill Dannie and Mike. Mr and Mrs. Ike Kendall and daughter, Jimmy Dee. Mr and Mrs. Ralph Riddle, Miss Sara Riddle Miss Margie Riddle, all of Brandon; Milton Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers of Raleigh; Mrs. Mattye Plaster and son, Harris, Mrs. Alice Minton and Mrs. Mary Cook, all of Star.

Others present at the reunion were, Mr. and Mrs. Anse C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim F. Myers, Mrs. Colon Roberts and Mrs. Joe Horton, Mr. Preston Coughman; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Myers and children, Clifton Jr., and Ginger Myers; Tommy Lou Hudson, Mrs. Lavera Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Louie W. Dukes, Jane and Eleanor Ruth Dukes and S. L. Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Myers and children, Patricia and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Myers, all of Magee.

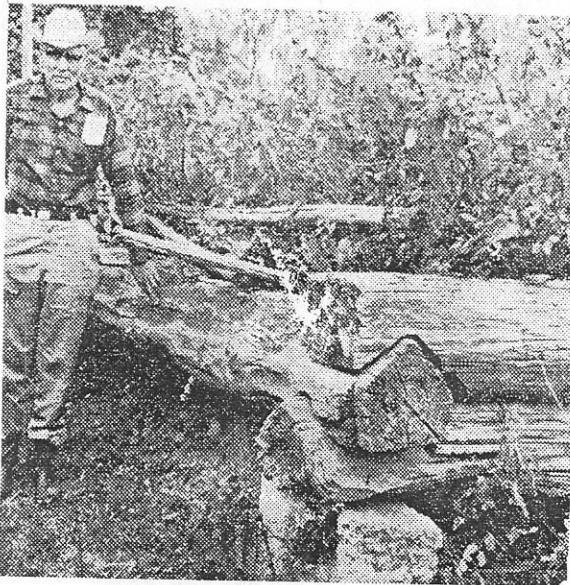
In attendance were : Mrs. Becky Myers Bishop and George Green of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Myers and Clarence Brown of Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Myers and daughter, Ouida, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tisdale and children, Jacquette, Judy and Billie Sue; Mr. Alvin Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Brister and children Tommy, Steve and Mitchell all of Terry. Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Myers of El Dorado, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Myers of San Diego, California.

Others attending were : J. W. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Myers, Cliff C. Anderson and Nina Myers Anderson and children, Mrs. Laura Cash and son, Steve, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Lewis and Anne; E. G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Myers and son, Latrell, Mrs. James H. Stringer, Mr. and Mrs. Isum E. Myers and daughter Sara; Mrs. Doris Butler and children, Rosanna and Steve Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Anderson and son James and Dr. W. R. Cooper all of Jackson.

Samuel R. Myers and son Randy came from Memphis; Dewey Myers and Labe Myers came from Prentiss; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carruth came from Wesson and Gale Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Myers and son, Hugh came from Morton.

#### OLDEST AND YOUNGEST

The oldest member at the meeting was John Alvin Lewis who was 87 years old. He was the husband of Rosa Myers Lewis. The youngest member was Billie Sue Tisdale who was nine weeks of age. Colored movies of the honored members were taken and also movies of the general assembly and other interesting shots but could not be shown until the following year which accounts for the absence of pictures taken this year.



L. B. BUCKLEY SHOWS ANTE-BELLUM CRIB REMAINS. ONE OF STATE'S OLDEST GRAVES IS IN THICKET NEARBY.

OLD FAMILY CEMETERY HOLDS SECRETS OF PIONEER DAYS  
By Gerald Lord, Clarion Ledger Staff Writer.

Buried in a deep, dark, secluded pine thicket in the rolling cattle country of South Mississippi is an old family cemetery. Its weather-worn tombstones, mute reminders of days long forgotten, are scarcely discernable in the under brush.

Therein lies a grave that well may date back as far as any in the state - all that remains of the earliest settlers in that area.

Buried there too, is the story of the glorious past of a big plantation hewed out of an unsettled wilderness by a well-to-do planter and his slave colony.

The marker on the grave referred to bears this brief inscription: "Hannah Myers, 1740 - 1828." That's all. An aged block of marble is a poor substitute for a history book, but a rough picture can be sketched by piecing together bits of information gleaned from several sources.

Hannah Myers was the wife of old John Myers Sr., who is buried nearby. His inscription bears the more exact dates of Sept. 8, 1775 - Dec. 1840. He was one of two original settlers in what is now the New Hebron area near the Jeff Davis - Lawrence County line.

L. B. Buckley, who owns the Myers home place, says, "This is one of the oldest places I know of anywhere in this part of the country."

OLD CULTIVATION

He recalls finding, while clearing pasture land, the deep, wide furrows of very old cultivation "right out in the middle of the woods."

There is, in fact, still standing near the cemetery the remains of a crib built by slave labor out of heart pine logs, hand notched to fit at the corners. Some of the rotting boards bear old fashioned hand made square nails and the gate hinges are long and heavy, more than likely brought over from Europe.

"Three Myers brothers came in and settled the place right after it was opened up," Buckley explains, "but one died pretty soon, and the other left right after that."

As nearly as anybody can figure, that must have been in the 1790s or just  
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after the turn of the century.

"Anyhow," continues Buckley with a wave toward the half sunken tombstones, "That left just old man John Myers. He's the one all these others are descended from."

The newest grave in the lot - that of a five-year-old granddaughter of John Myers is dated 1885.

#### INDIAN COUNTRY

The cite was right in the heart of the Choctaw Indian territory. The tribe must have been the Myers' earliest neighbors, since the last Indians didn't leave until a century after those first white settlers moved in.

As a matter of fact, there is supposedly an old Indian mound in the vicinity, but most of what is known about it seems to be legendary.

Buckley's wife grew up nearby. She remembers that Shurdan Myers, a descendant of John Myers with probably a two or three generation lapse, had "a beautiful old two-story house, built probably around 1890."

"I used to play in that big front yeard," she recalls, "and I've spent many a day climbing around the cotton gin they had down in the middle of where that pasture is now."

"The big house burned about 1919," Mrs Buckley says.

A much more modest house was built where the old one stood, but as is often the case, the magic was gone.

#### TRAGIC IRONY

There is a sunken hole, now mostly filled in and overgrown, in the cemetery - a tragic irony in its self.

According to the Buckleys, that corner of property on which the cemetery was located had been sold outside the family with the verbal understanding that Shurdan Myers could be buried there.

When Myers died, the grave was almost completed in preparation for his burial in the old family lot. Then the new owner sent word that he would not allow interment.

"So they had to take the poor old man up to the Old Hebron cemetery," the Buckleys recall.

Thus it was that the last Myers who spent his life on the place was denied a resting place there. Speculated reason for the refusal was that the new owner was apparently still bitter about a dispute over unpaid taxes on the land at the time of transferral.

The last two daughters of Shurdan Myers are both living in Houston, Texas.

Albert Slater, who at a spry and mentally alert 88, is about the oldest person in these parts and lives across the creek and over the hill from the Buckleys.

#### OTHER SETTLER

His great grandfather, Thomas Bill Slater, was the other original settler with John Myers Sr.

"He helped old man John Myers frame the Old Hebron Church back in 1822," Slater smiles. "It was a wild country when they first settled in here. I can remember sleeping under an ox wagon myself."

Slater can also "recollect the Indians when they were moving out for good. They would walk through here and sometimes camp over on the creek over night."

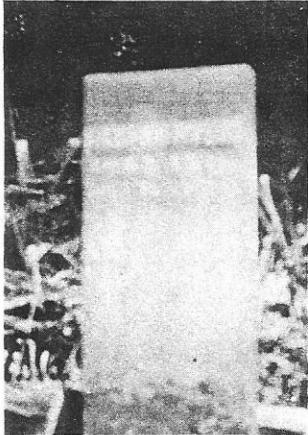
He's farmed that land all his life, and the hardships before World War I when the bottom dropped out of cotton prices for the first time are vivid memories.

"Wesson was our closest market then," he says. "Fact is, I helped cut the cross ties when the first railroad came through in 1900."

The "old times" that he likes to talk about were a far cry indeed from the gas line pumping station across the paved road from his house.



NINA MYERS ANDERSON, DESCENDANT OF ISAAC MYERS AND INEZ MYERS COLEMAN, descendant of John Myers Sr., taking pictures of the remains of the Sheridan Myers Cemetery and the ancient log cotton gin.



Hannah Myers  
1740 - 1828

Isaac Myers (1774-1860) was also an original settler in Lawrence County and one of his homes was reportedly a few miles distant from that of John Myers Sr.

It is believed by some that he was a brother to John Myers Sr. since they came to this part of the country at about the same time and lived for some years near each other. It is also believed by some that the Hannah Myers buried in the Sheridan Myers cemetery could have been the mother of both men since she was 35 years older than John. Her husband probably died and was buried in



John Myers Sr.  
Sept. 28, 1775  
Dec. 1840

South Carolina. Mr. T. L. Mendenhall's account of Isaac Myers in the Westville News states that Isaac was skilled in the construction of houses and often helped construct buildings for his neighbors and it could be that Isaac had a hand in building the cotton gin.

Old Timers in Lawrence County relate that a wheel from the cart that brought Isaac and his family and possessions from Natchez District to Lawrence County, stood for a long time in the gin mentioned above and that its hubs were the size of kegs, and made by Isaac himself. A search was made for even a spoke of the wheels, but nothing was found to indicate that Isaac had lived there.

JOHN MYERS ESTATE - JOHN MYERS EXECUTOR & FRANCES MYERS  
EXECUTRIX  
CASE NO. 5255 - BOX 8

In the name of God amen I John Myers of Lawrence County and State of Mississippi of Sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as followeth

Item 1st I give unto my son John Myers all the family of negrows known as Georges family (To wit) George and his wife Betsey and there childring namely Mary Willis Daniel Ephraim Alford Freeman and Elizor I allso give to him all the land I own lying in the counteys of Lawrence and Simpson and State of Mississippi lying on the waters of Silver Creek and known as my Mill place and the lands where I now live containing five hundred and eighty acres of patented land and three hundred and twenty acres of the Sixteenth Section which I have on leece be the same more or less also fore-teen eights of land lying in Scot county and State of Mis-sissippi in Township five and Range six and Seven lying on the waters of Strong River and entered at Augustay land of-fice known as my plantation in Scot county or the Reede brake tract of land containing Eleven hundred and twenty acres of land be the same moore or less allso all the Stock of cattle and hogs and provisions on or belonging to my said Scot plantation and it is my wish that none of the property that I have give to my son John Myers Shall not be subject to a division amongst the ballance of my heirs hereafter

Item 2nd I give unto my son Massey Myers fore and one half Eights of Land lying in Township five and Range ten and eleven (East) and entered at Augustay land office containing three hundred and Sixty acres of land be the same moore or less known as the Halford tract of land lying in the county of Newton and State of Mississippi

Item 3rd I give unto my Daughter Patsey Dow Ten dollars in addition to a negrow woman and her two childring (To wit) Lucy and her childring Mary and Amanda which negrows I now give to her during her natural life with there further in-creases and after hir death to be eaqually divided amongst all hir Surviving childring or there legal representatives to them and there heirs forever which Said negrows are now in hir persision

Item 4th I give unto my Son in law Silas Steene one negrow (To wit) a woman named Viney which negrow is now in his persision

Item 5th I give unto my Son in law Rece Davis one negrow (To wit) a woman named Anna which negrow is now in his per-sision

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Item 6th I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Walker during  
hir natural life one negrow (To wit) a girl named Susan with  
hir further increase and after hir death to be eaqually di-  
vided amongst all hir Surviving childring or there legall  
reprasentatives to them and there heirs forever

Item 7th I give unto my Son James Myers Ten Dollars in  
adition to three eights of land which land I have heretofore  
deeded to him allso fore hundred and fifty Dollars which I  
have allready give him in cash

Item 8th I give unto my well beloved wife Francis Myers all  
the rest remainder and residue of my property boath real and  
personal all money and effects whatsoever after paying all  
my Juste debts all of which I give to hir during hir natural  
life or widowhood and then to be eaqually divided amongst  
my lawful heirs and it is my will and desire that my after  
named executor and executrix Shall pay out of my effects the  
amount of money bequeathed to my Son James Myers and my  
Daughter Patsey Dow as soon as practicable after my death  
and it is my wish and desire that my beloved wife shall live  
at the place where I now live and have the use and benefit of  
the property I have give to hir during hir natural life or  
widowhood and it is my desire that my Son John Myers Shall  
have control of hir affares and protect hir interest

And lastly I constitute and appoint my Son John Myers and  
my beloved wife Francis Myers executor and executrix to this  
my last will and testament In testamony whereof I have here  
unto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Sixt day of  
December in the year of Our lord one thousand eight hundred  
and forty

Signed Sealed and acknowledged  
in presents of us

John Myers SEAL

Isaac Newsom  
Thomas Hutchins  
William Weathersby

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You do solemnly swear that you did see John Myers now decd sign seal & declare this writing to be his last will and testament, that you signed the same as witnesses in his presence and the presence of each other and at his request, & that you believed him to be of sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same - so help you God

Sworn to & subscribed )  
in open Court this 25th )  
day of Jany 1841 )

J. Caldwell Clk )

William Weathersby

Isaac Newsom

Thomas Hutchins

JOHN MYERS, SR. ESTATE - JOHN MYERS, JR. EXECUTOR  
CASE NO. 5726 - BOX 33

To the Hon. Jno. Dickerson Judge of the Probate Court of  
Lawrence County State of Mississippi.

Your petitioner herewith presents his account for final settlement as Executor (Surviving) of Jno. Myers Senr. decd. marked Exhibit A and prays that the same may be recd. and allowed as presented and he be discharged from all the duties and liabilities of such Exor.

Petitioner further states that the following are all the heirs of his said Testator, viz; Rease Davis and Frances his wife (formerly Myers) residing in Scott County Missi., Orrin C. Dow and Martha his wife (formerly Myers) residing in Rankin County Missi., H. H. Walker and Elizabeth his wife (formerly Myers) residing in Lawrence County Missi., Silas Steen and Hannah his wife (formerly Myers) residing in Rankin County Missi., Massey Myers residing in Clarke County Missi., James Myers residing in the State of Maine and your petitioner, and petitioner prays that citations may issue to such of said Heirs as reside in this State and publication made as to James Myers who is a non-resident. And your petitioner as in duty bound &c.

Jno. Myers jr.

Executor &c (Surviving)

By E. J. Goode Atty.

Cr. Jno. Myers jr. Surviving Executor of John Myers Senr.  
decd. in ac. with said Estate.

Said Executor prays allowance for the following disbursements and expenditures &c.

Amt.	pd.	Probate Court fees	voucher No.	1	5.56
"	"	Same	"	2	14.82 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	"	Trustees of 16th Section	"	3	121.90
"	"	Ellis & Jackson	"	4	7.00
"	"	Taxes for 1841	"	5	30.75
"	"	Z. E. Pendleton	"	6	104.50
"	"	E. H. Lombard	"	7	10.00
"	"	Martha Dow (bequest)	"	8	10.00
"	"	James Myers (")	"	9	10.00
"	"	Pd. for cotton bought for Estate			42.00
Cr.	by this amt.	lost on note of Stephen Howell			50.00
Amt.	pd.	H.H. Walker for his wife Elizabeth (one of the heirs) on distribution - see voucher			
			No.	10	2157.00
"	"	Jas. Myers	"	11	2157.00
"	"	O.C. Dow & wife	"	12	2157.00
"	"	Massey Myers	"	13	2157.00

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" " Reace Davis for Frances his wife "	" 14	2157.00
" " Silas Steen for Hannah his wife "	" 15	2140.00
Amt. retained, on allotment & division by Jno.		
Myers jr. (this Exor.) as one of the heirs - - -		2157.00
" " Taxes for 1841	" 16	31.05
Said Executor prays an allowance of 8 per cent on \$15176.50 the whole amt. of said Estate		1214.12
Attys. fee for making settlement &c		25.00
Pd. Southern Journal for publication" "	17	6.50
Costs of Final Settlement		<u>21.75</u>
		<u>16786.96</u>
Bal. pr control		<u>16116.01</u>
		<u>670.95</u>

Dr. Said Exor. charges himself with the following Recpts.  
on act. of said Estate -

To Amt. Inventory	\$15176.50
" " Notes	56.00
" " Money	90.00
" " Sales of cotton on hand at Testator's death - - - - -	<u>793.51</u>
	<u>\$16116.01</u>

State of Mississippi ) Personally appeared in open  
Lawrence County ) Court John Myers jr. who being  
duly sworn says the foregoing  
and annexed account is just and true as stated.

Sworn to and sub- ) John Myers Jr.  
scribed in open court )  
this 23rd day of June 1857)

J. N. Cowart Clerk

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC MYERS & Gracie Butler Myers  
Family of Chapman Myers & Meedie Cole Myers

## In Memoriam

DR. LEWIS A. MYERS

To Dr. Lewis A. Myers, beloved member of our church who died Monday, May 9, 1966, this issue of THE MESSENGER is dedicated. Dr. Myers has been a vital part of our membership for the past four years, inspiring in all who knew him both a vast respect and a deep personal affection.

A native of Pinola, Mississippi, where he was born March 19, 1893, Dr. Myers followed a career unparalleled in the unstinting and loyal service of his Lord. Well classified as minister, teacher, lecturer and author, he was the only man in convention history ever to be elected to serve three Baptist state papers - Arkansas, Missouri and New Mexico. He retired from the editorship of the New Mexico paper in April, 1960, after completing forty years on the denominational front. Within the southern conventions, he has been a member of the Social Service Commission, The Education Commission, and the Constitution Revision Commission. He served for four years in the Mississippi legislature and obtained degrees in both Law and Art.

From 1947-1950, inclusive, he was a board member of the New Mexico Boys' Ranch (Juvenile); president of the state Religious Liberty Ass'n, and a member of Governor's Committee on Clean Literature. He was a veteran of World War I and a chaplain of World War II. He has made the statement that he was motivated in all these areas of work by a sense of divine direction beyond rational explanation.

While a member of his church, Dr. Myers filled many positions, including that of Sunday School teacher, chairman of personal committee, editor of The Messenger, and member of the Brotherhood committee which launched and helped direct the Sunday morning radio broadcasts. To each of these he brought the enthusiasm and efficiency which characterized his every performance. In addition to these duties, he had just completed a two-volume history of New Mexico Baptists, which will be released soon for publication.

We honor him who can no longer be a physical part of us, but whose witness among us has been a constant inspiration to greater Christian service and whose manner of death has renewed our own hope in Christ, our Lord.

Dr. Myers is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne Myers; his daughter, Mrs. Betty Martin; one brother, F. W. Myers; and two grandchildren. We share their sorrow, and assure them of our prayers and sympathy. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.."

This article appeared on the front page of "The First Baptist Messenger", published by the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dr. Lehman F. Webb, Pastor, on May 15, 1966.

Another article appeared in Purser Hewitt's column in the Clarion Ledger newspaper, published in Jackson, Miss. as follows:

"A former Mendenhall man who late in life edited the New Mexico state Baptist paper, LEWIS A. MYERS, passed away the other day. A quiet, capable man, he spent seven years as Baptist editor in Arkansas, and had returned to that state in retirement after 12 years in New Mexico. It was our pleasure to have been associated with him in numerous meetings and conferences. He reflected credit on Mississippi.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC MYERS & Gracie Butler Myers  
Family of Carman Myers & Martha Purvis Myers  
Family of Artemesia Myers Miley & Dan. G. Miley

REV. JEFF MILEY

This excerpt from the book, MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PREACHERS, taken from the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society, in the library at Clinton, Miss. gives some light on the life of our beloved kinsman as follows:

"T. J. Miley, son of D. G. and Artemesia Myers Miley was born in Scott County, Mississippi, April 9, 1855. His father was from the Carolinas and was a licensed preacher but was never ordained. His mother's father was Carmon Myers, a staunch Baptist. Jeff's early childhood was spent in Smith County, near the old White Oak Baptist church. At the breaking out of the war, his father volunteered as a Confederate soldier in the 6th Miss. Regiment and served till near the close of the war. At the little fight at Baker's Creek, Hinds County, he was seriously wounded and was brought to the farm home of Carman Myers, Jeff's grandfather, near Brandon. There he remained until the surrender. Then with his wife and three small children, Jeff being one of them, with no home and no money, he moved to Smith County and bargained for land. Young Miley, the oldest child, had to largely support the family. There were no schools accessible, and had there been any he could not have attended. In a few years, however, he was able to attend two months of a three-month school in that community and this continued for four or five years as he learned to read and write."

"At fifteen years of age he was convicted of his sins under the preaching of Rev. John Fletcher. On the fifth Aunday of August 1872, he joined the Rock Bluff church under the charge of S. J. Hitt. On the following Sunday he was baptized."

"On December 10, 1873, he was married to Missouri Franklin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Franklin, Rev. Franklin having considerable advantage of him in education.

They lived one year at the old home on Strong River, in Smith County, and made a crop, then moved to Rankin County where he continued to farm, holding his membership still at Rock Bluff church where he went regularly to services.

"He felt the call to preach but felt inadequate for he could hardly read. He cried and asked the Lord's guidance in the matter. He read the Bible carefully and closely, having no other books. In October 1884 he was licensed and moved to Sylvarena, Smith County, and remained in the school there under Rev. E. S. Robinson every day for 10 months. Later he was called to the pastorate of County Line church.

In April of 1886 he became pastor of Rehobeth church in Aimpson County. He often rode 60 or 70 miles from Friday noon to Monday morning in order to be on time for school. He had a great thirst for education and on a very meagre salary he bought 150 volumes for his library, books from Spurgeon, Moody, Broadus, Fuller, Jamison Faucett and Brown, Matthew Henry and many other good writers.

He built up his church from a poor weakling to one of the best in all the country. He has baptized his neighbors, their children and three of his own children. In seven years he preached 1,085 sermons, baptized 385 persons (60 from Methodist churches) from Presbyterians and one Campbellite. He traveled 12,139 miles and received as compensation \$1,839.28. He said of his wife, "My wife deserves special mention. She has been a co-worker and has helped me in every way, and in possessing my scant supply of knowledge, I add my testimony as a witness to the truth that God is rich in mercy to all who obey His blessed commands, Amen!"

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Estate of )  
Carmen Myers )  
D.M. Myers r )  
Adm")

In the Chancery Court - Rankin County

To Hon'l E.W. Cabaness Chancellor of 16th District  
of Mississippi.

The petition of D.M. Myers would respectfully show and  
state that Carmen Myers of said county late deceased departed this life on the  
20th inst. at his late residence in said county, leaving no will so far as your  
petitioner knows or believes.

That said decedent left as heirs at law, your petitioner, Artemesia Miley,  
wife of D.G. Miley, Mary E. Dukes, wife of D.M. Dukes, John Myers, James Myers,  
all of full age, and Lawrence L. Myers aged 12 years, and S.R. Myers aged about  
10 years, all the children of said decedent. Your petitioner further states that  
the wife of said decedent died on the same day but after her husband.

The estate of said decedent consists of 160 acres of land, mules, cotton,  
hogs, etc., also household and kitchen furniture and some two bales of cotton.

Your petitioner would further show that said decedent has due him some  
\$1500.00 or perhaps a little more of good debts that can be collected.

Your petitioner would state and show that he is the Eldest Son of decedent,  
and that all the heirs desire that he should administer on said Estate. - He  
therefore, if your Honor thinks him a suitable person, in conformity with their  
request, proposes to qualify as administrator and give such bond as your Honor  
may direct. And in duty bound, sworn to and subscribed this 23 day of January,  
A.D. 1871 )

W.H. Coppock )  
Clerk

( signed ) D.M. Myers

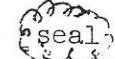
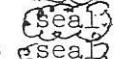
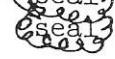
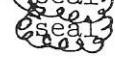
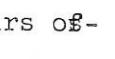
Same )  
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AGREEMENT AMONG HEIRS

Brandon, Miss. Feby 7th, 1871

We the undersigned, Artemesia Miley and Daniel G. Miley her husband, and  
Mary E. Dukes and D.M. Dukes her husband, and John M. Myers and James M. Myers,  
heirs of Carmen Myers deceased, do hereby state and agree that we, that is to say,  
Artemesia Miley, Mary E. Dukes, John M. Myers and James M. Myers have each re-  
ceived in the way of advancement from said decedent the sum of five hundred  
dollars each and in the distribution of said estate we hereby agree that the said  
sum of five hundred dollars each shall be counted against us, and that the two  
minors of said estate L.L. and S.R. Myers, shall each be paid the sum of five  
hundred dollars each to make them even with us. It is also agreed by us all that  
the Administrator, D.M. Myers has received and acknowledged in the way of advance-  
ment, the sum of five hundred dollars, and we and each of us hereby agree to be  
bound and account for the above sum of five hundred dollars in the settlement of  
the Estate of the said Carmen Myers with the administrator, D.M. Myers.

Given under our hand and seal this 7th day of February A.D. 1871

Artemesia Miley   
D.G. MILEY   
Mary E. Dukes   
D.M. Dukes   
John M. Myers   
James Myers 

I agree to the above and hereby bind myself to accept as one of the heirs of-  
said Estate. D.M. Myers, Administrator.

Filed 3rd of April and recorded the 24th of May 1871.

ESTATES OF LAWRENCE L. AND SAMUEL R. MYERS, MINORS

Estate of Lawrence L. and Samuel R. Myers minors } In the matter of Guardianship of Lawrence L. Myers and Samuel R. Myers, minorsheirs of Carmen Myers dec'd; This day, Daniel M. Myers, having filed his petition for letters of Guardianship of said minors, it is ordered by the clerk that the prayer of said petition be granted: And that Letters of Guardianship of the persons and Estate of said minors be granted to the said Daniel M. Myers, upon his taking the oath prescribed by law, and entering into two separate bonds, in the form (?) of the Statue, in the penalty of thirteen hundred dollars each, with J.P. Franklin, W.W. Williamson and John M. Myers as his sureties; And the said Daniel M. Myers having appeared and taken said oath, and together with his said sureties, signed, sealed and delivered said bonds, said Letters of Guardianship are accordingly granted him, and ordered to be issued and recorded accordingly to the Statue.

S. L. Parker - Clerk

January 24th. 1872

FROM MINUTE BOOK 1(One) P. MINUTE BOOK CHANCERY COURT  
Oct. Term - Oct. 15, 1874 - Rankin County, Miss.

Estate of Carmen Myers dec'd. } In the matter of the settlement of the estate of Carmon Myers dec'd.

The final account of D.M. Myers, Adm. of the Estate of Carmon Myers dec'd, coming on to be audited and examined at this time, and the court after having examined said account, and the distributees of full age, having entered their appertances and waived citation and notice and the amount due the two minor heirs to wit; S.R. and L.L. Myers having been duly transferred to the account of D.M. Myers their guardian and the court being satisfied that said account is in all things correct, and that all the charges therein are legally and properly vouched for, and that said account is properly stated, it is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that D.M. Myers, Adm. be and is hereby discharged from further liability. It is further ordered adjudged and decreed that said Adm. pay the costs herein expended. Oct. 15, 1874

W. B. Peyton - Chancellor

NOTE! Carmen Myers died Jan. 20, 1871 -

Petition Record Book D.