

Office of
WM. T. FLYNT,
County School Commissioner,
Taliaferro County.



Crawfordsville, Ga., April 8, 1899.

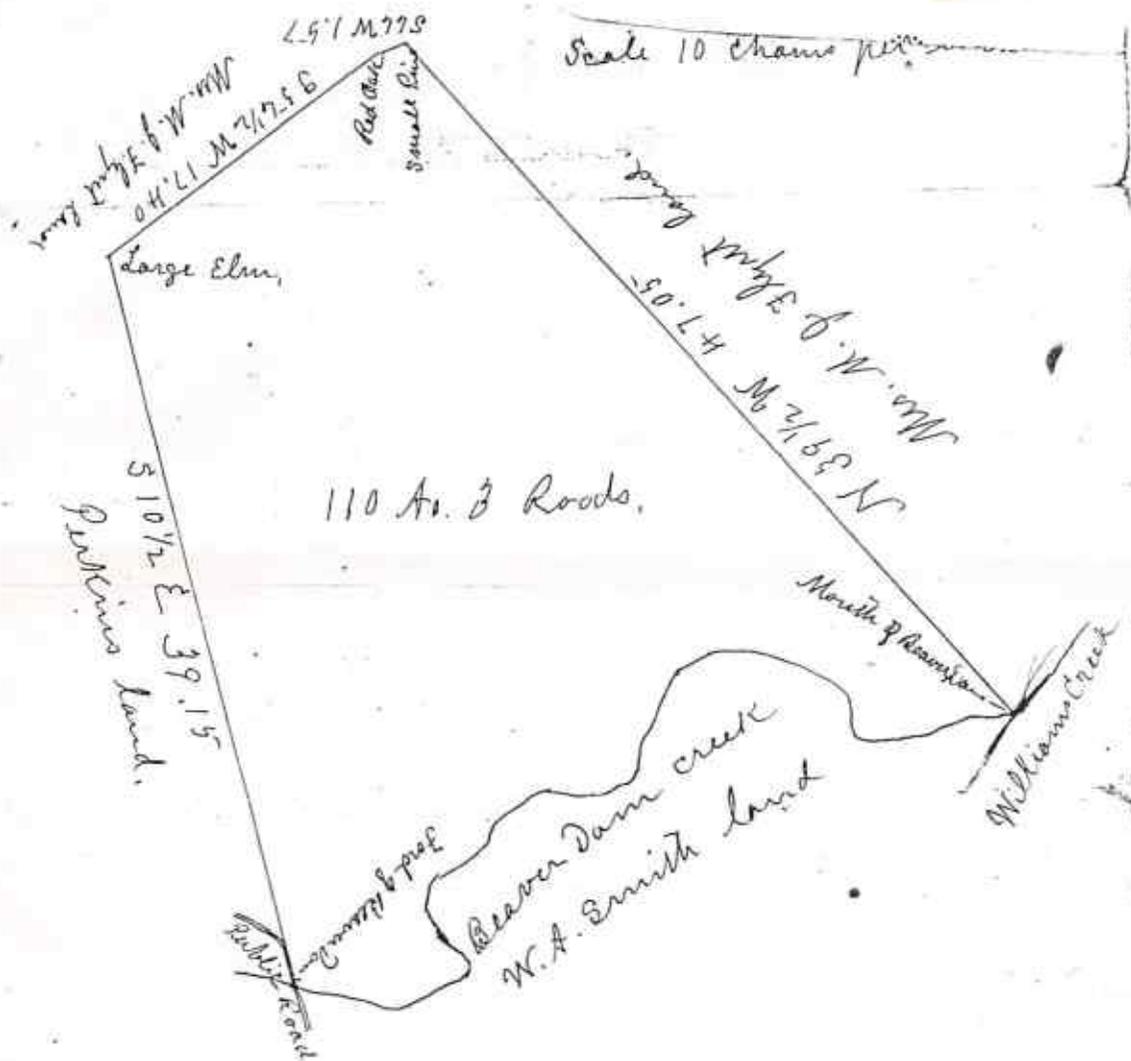
Mr. Jas. R. Holladay.

Dear Sir,

After a careful calculation I have been unable to make more than $110\frac{3}{4}$ acres in the place, that includes to the middle of the creek all the way down to the mouth.

You will find the plot inclosed.

Very truly yours
Wm. Flynt



Georgia Taliaferro County.

The above is a plot of the land sold by Mrs. M. J. Flynt to Jas. R. Holladay, Guardian, containing One Hundred Ten and Three Fourths Acres,

Survey 7th day of April 1899.

J. J. Moore }
J. H. Stone } Chainmen,

W. J. Flynt,
Surveyor.

HOLLIDAY (HOLLADAY), Raytown, Ga
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The earliest settlers that we find definitely mentioned as living in the Raytown District, Georgia, were Benjamin W. and Owen Holliday. Both of these are named in the 1785 Tax Digest. Benjamin W., however does not seem to be mentioned after 1816, while Owen Holliday appears as late as 1838. Was Benjamin w. the father of Owen, or were they brothers?

In Grant Book A, p. 52 we find that Owen Holliday was granted two small tract of land in 1819, yet in 1820 we discover that ~~the~~ owned 1074 acres.

In volume W.W. p.191 we find that Owen Holliday owned land east of John Gibson, whose land lay on both sides of Reedy Creek, and whose neighbor to the south was Jehu Few (Pugh) (For Mill Site see V.V...p.57 & 152.

Owen Holliday (and James Kinman and Geo. Harper) were appraisers of the estate of Davis Saxon, Aug 19, 1805 (Inventory and Appraisments L.L. p.123)

Owen Holliday (and John Gibson) and John Tarver) took inventory of the estate of John White, March 31, 1804 (Inv and App. LL p. 13) (John White owned land on Reedy Creek, some of which he sold to John Gibson)

Owen Holliday and Elisha Smallwood were appointed Surety for the Guardianship of Stephen Staples (March 6, 1809) Minutes of Inferior Court 1807 - 1809. (Elisha Smallwood lived near Raytown)

Owen Holliday had 2 Draws in the Land Lottery of 1803. John Gibson also had 2 Draws.

In 1806 Owen had 2 Draws, and Benjamin also 2.

These two, Owen and Benjamin are listed as being in Capt. Edge's District, which embraced the present Raytown and Sharon.

In ORIGINAL PAPERS (in Atlanta) we find

- a. Owen Holliday was one of the executors of the will of William Proctor, signed March 6, 1824.
- b. Owen Holliday was Surety (with Charles Richardson Carter, who lived at the present Colonsay) for the administration of the estate of Geo Willis. Nov. 5, 1816

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There are some interesting deeds mentioning Owen Holliday in connection with a Mill Tract.

In a Deed of Gift by Lucy White, Aug 21, 1805, she gave to her son, David White, all her Dower Rights in 300 acres adjoining John Gibson, Jehu Pugh and Owen Holliday, and known as John White's Mill Tract. (Original Papers, Davidson p.307)

In Will Book 1806 - 1808 John White gave to his wife, Lucy, one half of the profits of his farm and Grist Mill, and to son David, the other half, slaves, bed etc. To Thomas White "the place I now live on." March 1, 1804

In Deed Book W.W. p. 191, David White and wife Mary sold the 300 acres to John Gibson. It states that the tract was bounded on the south by Jehu Pew and on the east by Owen Holliday and on north-west by John Gibson .. "where he now lives". 22 Feb 1806

Again , in Deed Book V.V. p.152 we read that John Ramey (Clark County, Ga) sold to John White (Wilkes County) 350 acres on Reedy Creek for \$3,000. 00. Dec 5 ,1802. It gives the metes and bounds and then continues "Except a certain lot of land laid off in such Tract for the use of a Set of

Overton, Joseph Brooks, John M. Anthony and Aaron W. Gr[^]ier were named Trustees. June 18, 1838 and Dec. 10, 1838.

(These all lived near Raytown)

In the Roll of the UNION SABBATH SCHOOL of Raytown, organised April 2 1865, we find the following Hollidays: Miss Charlotte, Miss Elizabeth, Mattie, and James R. Holliday.

There is additional mention of Owen Holliday, perhaps of more interest to the genealogist:—

- 1) In DEED BOOK H.H. p. 160 we read that Owen Holliday was the stepson of Abraham Simons and received \$1700.00 from the estate, Signed Dec 21, 1820. (Abraham Simons, a Jew, was a Revolutionary soldier. He married "The Beautiful Nancy Mills" (second Marriage?) After his death Nancy Mills Simons married Jesse Mercer (1827) and with Abraham's fortune helped to build Mercer University and foster its growth.
- 2) Owen Holliday married Polly Turner Nov 25, 1799 (First Marriage Book 1806 - 1834)

3) Polly Turner was the daughter of Meshack Turner who died in 1793 or 1794, for in the administration of Meshack Turner's estate we read "~~Receipt~~" "Polly Turner orphan of Meshack Turner decd., James Turner guardian" and "Receipt of Owen Holliday, April 18, 1800 to James for her legacy in full of "now Polly Holliday."

It is not clear if the Owen Holliday mentioned in 1, 2, and 3 above was the same Owen Holliday who lived near Raytown, but it is highly probable, as the only Owen Holliday mentioned in all the Land Lotteries 1806 - 1837, was the Owen Holliday who lived in Captain James Edge's District, which included the N.E. corner of what is now Taliaferro County, and hence Raytown

1811 Tax Digest. Cpt James Edge's District No 15

Owen Holliday Reedy Creek

Benjamin Holliday Reedy Creek

Tax Digests of other years (same district) mention:*

Benjamin W. Holliday 1785

Owen Holliday 1785, 1811, 1818, 1820

By, the Tax digest of 1820 Owen Holliday had :-

10 slaves. 382 acres of Pine land on Little River adj. John Gibson.
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 490 " " " " " " " " " " " "

1074½ acres (Total mine, G.M.)

His total tax on the above was

\$4.43. 4½
 (\$. C. 100 percent)
 (Four dollars, 43 ½ cents.)

FURTHER DEEDS

Jonathan Embree to Owen Holliday 250 acres on Reedy C 8.17, 1800 V.V.350

Andrew Tarver to Owen Holliday 10 a. Little River. 2.7.1825 III 265

Joseph Scott to Thomas " 29 a. Little river 6.15 1792 XX 149

David Terrell to Owen H 30 a, Little River 3.5.1811 YY 288

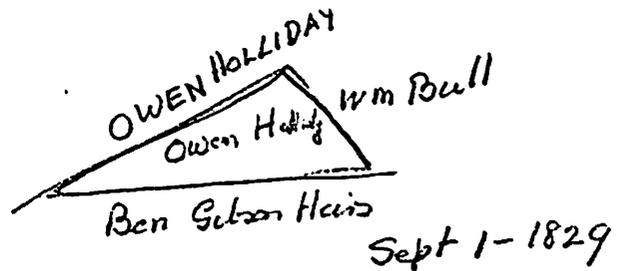
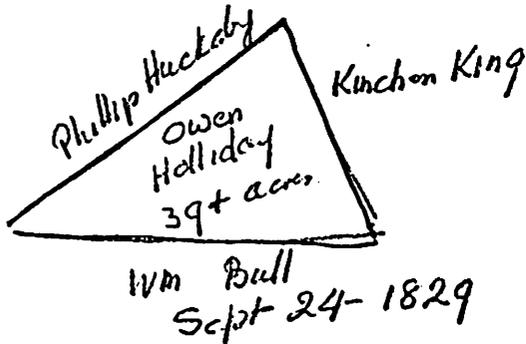
Elisha Moore to Ben W. H 251 a Reedy C. 2.12.1816 B.B.B 345

Owen H. to David Mills, Tract 12.12.1799 V.V. 39

Joshua Morgan to Owen H. tract.

2.25. 1835 MMM 440

Plats of Owen Holliday land Grant Book A p. 52



It may well be that a deeper study of the Deed Books and of the Tax Digests will discover further information on Owen Holliday and Benjamin W. Holliday.

However, for the years after 1836 the records in the Courthouse of Crawfordville should be examined, and for the years 1826 to 1836 the Courthouse in Warrenton may well yield some information.

No. 153.

County, Ga.

entered on General Execution Docket
this.....day of
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.....Clerk.

CLERK'S COST.

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SHERIFF'S COST.

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n'rs for taking interrogat'rs,
Total cost, ..\$
Levies,..... \$
Settlement, .. \$

No. 10.

February Term, 1905.
Faliaferro Superior Court,
Faliaferro County.

J. V. Andrews,

vs.

J. R. Holladay
et al

Equitable Petition

Writ Book _____, Page _____

Record Fee, \$ _____

Judgment _____ 190

Minute Book _____ Page _____

Copy of ORIGINAL.

Filed in office Seventh day of
February, 1905.

C. H. Golucke
Clerk Superior Court.

Hawes Cloud
Plaintiff's Attorney.

GEORGIA, Taliaferro County:-

To the Superior Court of said County:-

The petition of J. V. Andrews, shows:-

1. That by virtue of a deed made by Warren Andrews, of Greene County, said State, on 23 day of Sept. 1831, Samantha Andrews, (Now Samantha Holladay) of the County of Taliaferro was in possession of and had a life estate in and to a certain tract of land, in said Greene County, hereinafter described.
2. That said tract of land was under said deed to be the property of the said Samantha Andrews during her life, and the remainder interest to belong absolutely to her children in life at her death.
3. Said Samantha Andrews married J. R. Holladay, and as issue of said marriage there are now living four children, namely:- Ruby Perkins, Age 20, of Jefferson County, Georgia; Mary Belle Holladay, Age 17; John Warren Holladay, Age 15; and Robert Linton Holladay, Age 7, all of Taliaferro County.
4. That on the 7th. day of July, 1890, said J. R. Holladay, was duly appointed and qualified as the Guardian of the person and property of said minors then in life, they being said Ruby Perkins, (Then Holladay), and Mary Belle Holladay.
5. That said J. R. Holladay, as such Guardian, on the 18th. day of August, 1890, applied to the Ordinary of Taliaferro County for leave to sell the interest of said minors in said lands in Greene County, giving as his reasons therefor that said lands were situated in a thinly populated region, remote from schools, churches, and Post Offices, and not likely to increase in value, for the purpose of re-investing the proceeds of the same in a certain tract of lands hereinafter described, lying and being in the 17th. District, Taliaferro County, Georgia, in and near the village of Kaytown, and on the 6th. day of October, 1890, order was duly granted by the said Court of Ordinary for said purpose. Said order is found on the minutes of the Court of Ordinary of said County, Book "C", Page 75, to which is reference is hereby prayed.
6. Said J. R. Holladay, acting as guardian aforesaid, in compliance with said order, duly advertised the interest of said minors in said land to be sold in Greene County, and on the _____ day of _____, 1890, exposed for sale at public outcry their said interests and the same was bid in and knocked off to petitioner, his being the highest and best bid, at and for the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars. And the said Samantha Holladay in her own right, on the _____ day of _____, 1890, sold to petitioner her life estate and interest in said land at and for the sum of Three Hundred and Fifteen Dollars, (\$315.00) and the said Samantha Holladay in her own right, and the said J. R. Holladay, as guardian for his minor children, executed and delivered to petitioner, their deed to their interests respectively, in and to said land. Said tract of land being described as follows:- "All that tract or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the 1st. District, G. S., in the County of Greene, bounded on the North by lands of J. V. Andrews and L. M. Andrews; And on the East by lands of Mary J. Andrews; On the South by the South Prong of Ogeechee River; and on the West by lands of L. M. Andrews, and of the estate of Bertrum Moore, deceased, containing One hundred and twenty nine acres, more or less. Said deed is recorded in Book 10 for Deeds, Page, 74, in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Greene County, Georgia, to which reference is prayed.

7. That the sum paid by petitioner, both for the life estate, and the remainder interest in said land, was a fair and reasonable value for same.

8. That said J. B. Holladay, as Guardian, in compliance with said order re-invested the proceeds of the sale of the interest of said minors in said land in a tract of land in Taliaferro County, Georgia, described as follows:- All that tract of land in 172 District, S. E., Taliaferro County, Georgia, bounded on the North by lands of Mrs. A. J. Flynt; East by lands of J. A. Kendrick and Ed Kendrick; South by lands of J. A. Kendrick, and West by lands of Mrs. M. J. Flynt, containing 119 acres, more or less, which said described tract of land was well worth the amount paid for same, and is better suited to the needs of said minors, being in a more thickly settled community where lands are more valuable, convenient to churches, and post offices, and decidedly to the interest of said minors.

9. Petitioner shows that in buying the lands in Greene County as above stated, he acted in the utmost good faith, thinking that said Guardian had legal authority to make said sale, and had complied with all the requirements of the law as to same, and petitioner believes that the said Guardian likewise acted in good faith, and sold said land believing that he had a right to do so, and to re-invest the proceeds of the same as above set out.

10. Since said sale and re-investment however, petitioner has recently discovered that said Court of Ordinary had no jurisdiction of the matter, and that said proceedings and order to sell, the sale, reinvestment, etc., were without authority of law, and petitioner received no title to said land so far as the interest of said minors are concerned, and that it was not binding on said minors, and they or either of them would have the right to ratify or reject said sale or re-investment. Petitioner desires that the title to said tract of land, that the character of said re-investment be definitely fixed and settled, that the title to said land in Greene County be definitely fixed and settled, and decreed in petitioner, or the remainder interest after the life of said Samantha Holladay be decreed in said minors, and that said re-investment of the proceeds of their said interests in the lands in Greene County made in the tract of land in Taliaferro County, be ratified or repudiated by said Guardian and minors.

11. Petitioner shows that it is to the best interests of all the parties concerned that this be done at this time, and that it is to the interest of said minors to ratify the acts of their said Guardian in selling and re-investing as above set out.

12. Petitioner prays that the character of said re-investment, and to whom said tracts of land shall belong be unconditionally settled, and definitely fixed, that the title to said lands in Greene County be fixed and decreed to be in petitioner, or that the remainder interest in the same be decreed and fixed in said minors, that said re-investment, of the money belonging to said minors in lands of Taliaferro County, be ratified or repudiated by said minors, and that said minors elect in which one of the said two tracts of land their interest shall be decreed and fixed.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that Guardian ad litem, be appointed for said minors, and that process may issue requiring the said J. B. Holladay, both as an individual, and as Guardian for said minors, and the said minors, namely:- Ruby Perkins, (nee Holladay), of the County of Jefferson; Mary Belle Holladay; John Warren Holladay; and Robert Linton Holladay, of Taliaferro County, to be and appear at the next term of said Court to be held in and for said County on the fourth Monday in February, 1908, to answer Petitioner's Complaint, and that such other proceedings be had in the matter as are usual in such matters, and as are meet and proper.

HARRIS CLOUD,

Attorney for Petitioners.

GEORGIA, Taliaferro County:-

You, J. V. Andrews, do swear that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true, so help you God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7 day of Feb. 1908.
A. Z. ANDREWS, Ordinary Taliaferro County, Ga.

J. V. ANDREWS,

GEORGIA, Taliaferro County.

J. V. ANDREWS,

VS.

J. B. HOLLADAY, ET. AL.

10. February Term, 1908.

Taliaferro Superior Court.

Equitable Petition.

To the Sheriff or his Deputy, of said County, and to the Sheriff's of other Counties, in this State, -----Greeting:-

The Defendants, J. B. Holladay, both as an individual, and as Guardian for the minors named in the foregoing petition to which this process is annexed, and Ruby Perkins, (nee Holladay), of the County of Jefferson; Mary Belle Holladay, John Warren Holladay, and Robert Linton Holladay, of Taliaferro County, are hereby required, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Superior Court to be held in and for said County on the Fourth Monday in February, 1908, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Complaint, as in default thereof, said Court will proceed as to justice shall appertain.

Witness, the Honorable Horace M. Holden, Judge of said Court, this the 7th. day of February, 1908.

C. H. Goluck
Clerk Superior Court.