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Autobiography, Emilett (BRAY) ALLRED, contin.

Walnut Grove, Mo., March 9, 1870

This is to certify that I have this day received satisfactory payment in full on all claims I hold on my husband, Joseph WRIGHTSMAN, up to this date, including the pay for my pony. I further certify that I have found Mr. WRIGHTSMAN true and faithful to my interests and property, to increase the value of the same for me and my children.

Emilette M. WRIGHTSMAN

After being divorced from Mr. WRIGHTSMAN, I married William ROBERTS on Nov. 12, 1873. This marriage was terminated by a divorce in March, 1893. After each divorce I resumed the name, Emilette M. ALLRED.

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Memorandum by Benjamin WRIGHTSMAN: In the old family Bible, which I inherited from mother, is an entry, probably made by Louis ROBERTS:

Emilett M. ALLRED, our dear mother, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 1911 at 10:30 p.m.

Children by first marriage:

Thomas B. ALLRED born April 18, 1858, Kenton, Mo., died May 15, 1896, of paralysis. Married Cloie F. NIX on Dec. 4, 1877.

Henry Wise ALLRED born Jan. 18, 1860, Kenton, Mo., died April 22, 1921.

Hugh Foust ALLRED born Dec. 6, 1861, in Christian Co. Mo., Died Sept. 24, 1892.

It must have been shortly before the birth of Foust that the name Kenton, Greene Co., was changed to Linden, Christian Co.

Children by second marriage:

Benjamin J. WRIGHTSMAN born Dec. 26, 1865

Minnie WRIGHTSMAN born March 13, 1870, died Dec. 13, 1874

Mattie Lois WRIGHTSMAN born Oct. 31, 1871, died Aug. 26, 1915

Children by third marriage:

Louis ROBERTS born Sept. 19, 1874, died Jan. 26, 1921

Amy ROBERTS, now Mrs. GARRISON, born July 18, 1877

Memorandum by B. J. WRIGHTSMAN:

I had overlooked the fact that I had so much information about mother, which I found recently in going through old documents. In October, 1894, while I was visiting her in Sparta, Mo., I had her dictate the information to me, using the first person to make it easier for her to talk. I am glad that I have the information and it is a pleasure to pass it on to others who are interested. I presume Emilette should be with the final "e", although it is spelled both with and without it.

120 Bryant St. N.W., Washington, D. C. July 16, 1937

B. J. W.

Footnotes by Betty AMMERMAN; 1) Calvin D. BRAY b 16 Aug 1813, d 23 Feb 1881, buried Mt. Hope Cem. 2) Mahala BRAY, b 29 May 1819, d 30 Aug 1837. 3) William BRAY, b 1764, died Feb 1846. 4) Sarah McDANIEL b 19 Aug 1794, d 7 March 1865; Samuel McDANIEL, b 21 Dec 1796, d 18 April 1876, both buried Hazelwood Cem. 5) Mark BRAY b 21 Dec 1796, died 1869, Christian Co., Mo.

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Allred Family

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EMILETT M. (BRAY) ALLRED

Dictated to her son, Benjamin J. WRIGHTSMAN at Sparta, Mo., on Oct. 28, 1894

(This record was given to Mrs. Tom BINGHAM, Ozark, Mo., and contributed by Betty AMMERMAN, 2331 S. Virginia, Springfield, Mo. 65807, a great-granddaughter.)

My maiden name was Emilett Mahala BRAY. I was born in Chatham Co. North Carolina July 7, 1837. My father's name was Calvin Duncan BRAY. My mother's name was Mahala Tyson BRAY. Her maiden name was Mahala Tyson WOMBLE. My father was born in Chatham Co. NC; and he died in Lafayette Co. Mo., his last place of residence, near Waverly, about 10 years ago at about 65 years of age (1) of inflammation of the bowels. He was a large fleshy man, light complexion, blue eyes and by occupation a farmer and miner. My mother died at the age of 18 years (2) on account of exposure too soon after confinement.

My father's father's name was William BRAY. I think he was born in Chatham Co. NC. He was a slave holder and was quite wealthy. He died at the age of about 70 years, date not known to me, but I think it was between 1820 and 1830. (3)

My father's mother's maiden name was BROOKS. She was short and heavysset. Died at the age of about 70 years.

My father had 7 sisters, whose married names were: Mrs. Betsy YORK and Mrs. Peggy YORK, who married the same man; Mrs. Mahala _____ can't remember last name, who resided in Indiana; Mrs. Polly MOON who lived in Iowa; Mrs. Sarah McDANIEL, wife of Samuel McDANIEL, both dead, buried in Springfield, Mo. (4) and Mrs. _____ HADLEY, who is dead, left 2 children.

My father had 3 brothers: Nathan BRAY, Harris BRAY of Iowa and Mark BRAY. (5) Nathan BRAY lived on the old homestead in Chatham Co., NC.

My mother's father's name was Jesse WOMBLE. He died in Moore Co. NC in 1854, 63 years old. He had brothers: Tyson, Josiah and Cornelius. Josiah went to McNara Co. TN, many years ago. The name of my mother's maternal grandfather was John CHEEK. He was wealthy, owning about 100 slaves.

I was married to Dr. William C. ALLRED on June 10, 1857 in Moore Co. NC. Shortly thereafter, in 1857, we came to Missouri and settled at Kenton, Greene Co., now Linden, Christian Co. Dr. ALLRED died in IZARD Co. Ark., on June 10, 1864.

I was married to Joseph WRIGHTSMAN with whom I had been acquainted since coming to Mo. on March 9, 1865 in Christian Co. Mo. We moved to Walnut Grove, Mo. in 1869 where we lived until July 1871, when I left him with the view of obtaining a divorce and I returned to the old home in Christian Co.

Following was published in newspaper:

NOTICE

Whereas my wife, Emilette M. WRIGHTSMAN, left my bed and board on the 19th day of July, 1871, and moved to Christian Co. Mo., I hereby notify all persons that I will not be responsible for her contracts or pay any debts made by her, as I have made ample provision for her at my home at Walnut Grove, to induce her to stay with me; and I herewith give a copy of a certificate which she gave me before she left.

Joseph WRIGHTSMAN
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