

Family Scans

JEFFUS FAMILY SCAN

Samuel Jeffus was born 09 March 1800 in South Carolina. His parentage has not been established. Tradition suggests that he spent a part of his early life in central Georgia but this has not been documented. He was married twice; he had 12 children by his first wife before she died; then he married a widow with four small children and they had four children. (The Samuel Jeffus Family Bible Record concerning this large family of 20 children appeared in "Researchin' Ouachita - Calhoun Counties AR" (RO-CC), Vol. 1, No.2, pp 43-44).

Samuel first married Sally Cox (spelled Cock on marriage record), a daughter of Caleb Cox, in Clarke County, AL on 29 Aug 1822 (Vol. A 1814-1834, page 152). Polly Cock, an older sister of Sally's, had married John Landrum on 26 May 1818 in Clarke County, AL Territory; he confirmed parents' consent for Sally's marriage as she was a minor. Caleb Cox, Samuel Jeffus, John Landrum and their families moved from Clarke and/or Wilcox Counties to Dale County, AL about 1823 or 1824. Samuel and Sally Jeffus had 11 children in that location before moving to Ouachita County, AR about 1843 or 1844. Their 12th and last child was born in Arkansas.

After Samuel's first wife died about 1846, he married the widow of Allen Davis, Catharine (Durham) Davis whom he had known in Dale County, AL where Allen was a school teacher. (See the Davis Family Scan which follows). Catharine Durham, who was called "Katy", was born 04 July 1816 in Georgia (probably Pulaski County), a daughter of John Durham and his first wife, Polly Yearty. After Polly Yearty Durham died 10 Jan 1821 in Georgia, John Durham married (2) Mrs. Matilda Mason. John Durham died 06 July 1864 in Ouachita County, AR while visiting his daughter, "Katy" Jeffus, and is buried in an unmarked grave at Bethesda Cemetery.

The first log cabin that Samuel Jeffus built on his homesite in Ouachita County, AR (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T14S, R17W) about nine miles south southwest of Camden, AR off of the Mt. Holly Road, burned to the ground in 1857. A larger replacement log home was completed in early 1858 and is still being used as the principal family residence for Samuel Henry Jeffus, a great grandson of Samuel Jeffus.

Samuel Jeffus was a Corporal in Pouncy's Company, Blair's Battalion, Alabama Militia during the Creek Indian War (1836) and received a Military Land Grant (1854) in Ouachita County, AR for that service. During the Civil War, seven of Samuel's sons and his two stepsons served in military units from Arkansas; three sons and two stepsons did not return from that service.

Samuel Jeffus died at his home in Ouachita County on 20 June 1879 and "Katy" (Durham) Jeffus died 05 Nov 1889; they are buried side-by-side at Bethesda Cemetery, Ouachita County, AR. Samuel's 16 children by his two wives were:

- I. Charles Jeffus was born 15 Oct 1823 in AL, died from typhoid fever on 10 April 1857 in Upson Co., GA. He married Priscilla Ann Matthews on 01 May 1851 in Upson Co., GA. She was a daughter of Francis L. and Elizabeth Matthews. (After Charles died, his widow returned to Ouachita County, AR where she married (2) James Ballard Jeffus - no children, and (3) James M. Ferry - 5 children). Charles and Priscilla Jeffus had three children at Waynmanville, Upson Co., GA, where Charles was overseer on his father-in-law's plantation.

1. James Milloge Jeffus born 05 May 1852, died 24 May 1877 in Hunt Co., TX, married Mary Elizabeth Coulver - 4 children: Mattie Pearl, Kate, Elva and Jimmie.
 2. Sarah Elizabeth Jeffus born 10 Dec 1853, died 22 Dec 1945 at Elgin, Comanche Co., OK, married (1) George Shaw - no issue, and (2) John Calvin Byrd 12 June 1890 at Sulfur Springs, TX - two children:
 - a. Mary Alice Byrd born 02 May 1891 at Greenville, TX, married Edwin R. Wolcott 10 Nov 1910 at Lawton, OK - four children.
 - b. John Ewell Avora Byrd born 31 Oct 1892 at Greenville, TX, died 23 Sept 1927 OK, married Guada Walling on 15 Sept 1915 at Elgin, OK.
 3. Nancy T. Jeffus born 03 Jan 1856, died 21 July 1883 at Kingston, Hunt Co., TX, married William H. Mallory - one child:
 - a. Mary Anna Mallory married (1) Edgar Foster, (2) Royce Johnson, and (3) _____ Keith.
- II. John Berry Jeffus born 15 July 1825 AL, died 07 November 1855 at Port Sullivan, Milam Co., TX. By letter to the Jeffus family in Ouachita Co., AR dated 12 Nov 1855, H. A. Foster at Port Sullivan reported that John B. Jeffus "was assassinated by a group of Negroes". Other family letters of that period indicate that he belonged to the "Know Nothing" political party, an affiliation which may have contributed to his tragic death.
- III. George Wesley Jeffus born 03 March 1827 AL, died 29 Sept 1880 in Ouachita Co., AR, married (1) Martha A. E. Tyson, daughter of Noah Barber Tyson and Mary Morris, in 1848 in Ouachita Co., AR. Husband and 1st wife buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Eight children born in Ouachita County, AR:
1. Mary T. Jeffus born 20 Dec 1850, died 08 June 1924, married George Wilson Buck on 23 Jan 1868 in Ouachita County, AR, had eight children. Husband and wife (H/W) buried at Bethesda Cemetery.
 2. Sarah Lyddie Jeffus born 24 Nov 1852, died 09 Jan 1853, buried at Bethesda Cemetery.
 3. James Noah Jeffus born 15 Feb 1855, died 19 June 1861, buried at Bethesda Cemetery.
 4. William Jephthah Jeffus born 09 Feb 1858, died 26 Feb 1933 at Wheeler, Wheeler Co., TX, married Mary Frances Key on 08 Oct 1883 at Giddings, Lee County, TX. She was a daughter of Captain and Mrs. Phillip F. Key and was born at Galveston, TX. They had seven children. H/W buried at Mobeetie Cemetery, Wheeler Co., TX.
 5. Sallie Lane Jeffus born 1860, died 1949, married James Bennett Cross 20 Oct 1878 in Ouachita County, AR. They had 13 children. H/W buried at Bethesda Cemetery.

6. Georgia Jeffus born _____, died _____, married Andrew Smith McAnulty 28 Dec 1881 in Ouachita County, AR. They had nine children.
7. Frances Virginia Jeffus born 1866, died 1958, married John Wilse McAnulty 24 Dec 1882 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had nine children. H/W buried at Mt. Horeb Cemetery, Ouachita Co., AR.
8. Martha Tummie Jeffus born 09 Jan 1869, died 01 June 1919, married William Frank McAnulty 28 Sept 1884 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had five children. H/W buried at Mt. Horeb Cemetery.

George Wesley Jeffus married (2) Susan A. Grissom on 19 Sept 1878 in Ouachita County, AR. She was born 07 April 1852, a daughter of James S. Grissom and Jane A. _____. (After George Wesley Jeffus died, Mrs. Susan Jeffus married James E. Huntley on 08 March 1882 in Ouachita County, AR). George and Susan Jeffus had two children: Samuel Alfred Jeffus and George Jeffus.

- IV. Elbert Millege Jeffus born 16 Dec 1828 AL, died _____ AR, married (1) Cassa Ann Holcomb about 1851 in Ouachita County, AR. Cassa Ann Holcomb was born 07 Dec 1826 in Claiborne Parish, LA, and died about 1858 in Ouachita, AR. She was the second child and oldest daughter of William Holcomb and Elizabeth A. Driskill, who married 16 Dec 1824 in Hempstead County, Arkansas Territory. Millege and Cassa Ann had three children, all born in Ouachita County, AR:

1. William Jackson Jeffus born 15 Aug 1852, died 06 May 1928 (lived at Huttig, AR), married Laurissa Park who was born 19 Feb 1866 and died 06 Feb 1930. They had nine children.
2. Martha Elizabeth Jeffus born about 20 May 1855, died before 1860 - not listed in household of Elizabeth A. Holcomb, her maternal grandmother, as were her two brothers, during 1860 federal census for Lafayette Township, Ouachita Co., AR.
3. John Green Jeffus born 13 Feb 1857, died 22 Oct 1920 in Ouachita Co., AR, married Ellen Frances Rogers on 12 Dec 1878 in Ouachita Co., AR. She was born 02 May 1860, a daughter of Ephriam D. Rogers and Martha A. Booth, and died 22 Jan 1927 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had 10 children. H/W are buried at Bethanda Cemetery.

Elbert Millege Jeffus married (2) Eugenia A. E. _____ about 1860 in Arkansas. She was born about 1840 in Alabama. Elbert M. and Eugenia A. Jeffus and their family were enumerated in Lafayette Township, Ouachita Co., AR in the 1870 federal census and in the Town of Prescott, AR in the 1880 federal census. They had at least six children, all born in Arkansas:

1. Mary Jeffus born about 1861.
2. Sallie Jeffus born about 1864.

3. M. Susanna Jeffus born about 1867.

Twins?

4. James F. Jeffus born about 1867, died 1953, married Mary F. Fletcher on 03 March 1892 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had three children:
 - a. James L. Jeffus married Bertie Young.
 - b. Onie Jeffus married (1) Jack Baseman, and (2) George Scarborough.
 - c. George W. Jeffus married five times.
5. Charles Edwin Jeffus born about 1869, died 11 Jan 1919, married Martha Ann "Mattie" Hopkins on 29 Oct 1896 at Camden, AR. She was a daughter of James W. Hopkins and Laura Ann (Bennett) Whatley. They had seven children. H/W are buried in unmarked graves at Bethesda Cemetery.
6. Ida Jeffus born about 1875, married J. H. Neeley on 23 Mar 1898 in Ouachita Co., AR.
7. Laura Ann Jeffus born 06 Aug 1878 at Prescott, AR, died 08 April 1955 AR, married John Wesley Venable 09 Feb 1896 in Ouachita Co., AR. He was born 04 Nov 1874, a son of Mary Jane (Talbot?) Venable, and died 01 Dec 1902. John W. and Laura Ann Venable are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. They had three children:
 - a. Mary Etta Venable born 25 March 1898.
 - b. Frank Venable born 20 Jan 1900, died 06 Jan 1972, married Rena M. Peace. She was born 26 Oct 1909 and died 31 Dec 1970. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery.
 - c. Nellie Venable married (1) Arthur Hodges, and (2) _____.
8. Emma Jeffus born 18 March 1884, died 06 Aug 1959, married William Robertson. They had five children.

Elbert Millege Jeffus and his 2nd wife, Eugenia, are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Their headstones were placed at their graves after 1968. The wife's headstone says "Virginia" but the 1870 and 1880 federal censuses suggest strongly that Eugenia A. E. _____ is the correct name.

- V. William Jackson Jeffus born 13 Aug 1831 Dale Co., AL, died Sept 1850 in Ouachita Co., AR after having "Dumonia" for ten days (1850 Mortality Schedule for Arkansas).

- VI. James Ballard Jeffus born 07 March 1833 Dale Co., AL, died 14 May 1862 at LaGrange, TN after receiving left center shoulder wound at Battle of Shiloh on 06 April 1862 (Co. "C", 1st Reg't., Ark. Inf.). Based on 1860 federal census for Lafayette Township, Buchanan P.O., Ouachita Co., AR (Dwelling No. 868, Family No. 916, page 127), it is presumed that James B. Jeffus married Priscilla A. (Matthews) Jeffus, the widow of his oldest brother, Charles Jeffus. This marriage could not have lasted very long inasmuch as Priscilla did not return to Ouachita County until the early part of 1860 and James B. Jeffus enlisted for CSA service on 19 May 1861. They had no children.
- VII. Samuel Mitchel Jeffus born 31 Oct 1834 Dale County, AL, died 15 Sept 1862 as a Private in Co. "C", 1st Reg't., Ark. Inf., CSA before seeing action. He married Martha Ann _____ before 1860. No record has been found to indicate that they had any children. Jeffus family letters of that period suggest that the widowed Martha Ann married Obadiah _____, and that they moved to East Texas, possibly around Greenville, before 1880.
- VIII. Needham Jeffus born 11 Aug 1836 Dale County, AL, died 09 Aug 1861 from lung congestion at Memphis, TN as a Private in Co. "C", 11th Reg't., Ark. Inf., before seeing action in the Civil War. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, TN.
- IX. Elizabeth Brown Jeffus born 13 Feb 1838 Dale County, AL. No further information is presently at hand regarding this daughter. If anyone knows marriage date, spouse, death date, place of burial, please contact contributor so he may add to his records.
- X. Sarah "Sally" Bradley Jeffus born 28 Oct 1839 Dale County, AL, married W.B. Fox, had three children (Charlie, Adelaide and Shery B.) before having written a letter dated 24 Feb 1880 from Sulfur Springs, TX to the Jeffus family in Ouachita Co., AR. In the letter, Sally offered to sell her inherited land in Ouachita County to her half-brother, Daniel Green Jeffus, and to her step-mother, "Katy" Jeffus.
- XI. Caleb Jeffus born 10 May 1841 Dale County, AL, died 04 Jan 1907 from malaria at his home at Nevils Prairie near Lovelady, Houston Co., TX. He married Nancy Clarissa McKee on 19 April 1868 in Limestone Co., TX. She was born 15 April 1852 in MS, a daughter of Rev. James Lavelle McKee and Amanda Elizabeth Shaw, and died 02 Mar 1925 at Brawley, Imperial Co., CA. H/W are buried at Antioch Cemetery near Lovelady, TX. They had ten children:
1. Ira Lawrence Jeffus born 20 Mar 1869 Houston Co., TX, died 28 June 1956 at Brawley, CA, married Ella Virginia Allen on 18 Dec 1890. They had ten children.
 2. Jennie Ann Jeffus born 19 Feb 1871 near Lovelady, TX, died 01 Feb 1961 at Houston, TX, married Holden Wade Simms. They had nine children.
 3. Albert Fairfield Jeffus born 20 June 1873 Limestone Co., TX died 28 Oct 1874 Limestone Co., TX from eating toadstools.

4. Marion Lavelle "Needham" Jeffus born 10 April 1875 near Lovelady, TX, died 30 June 1885 (killed by lightning) at home near Lovelady, TX.
 5. Lemuel Franklin Jeffus born 25 April 1878 at Nevils Prairie, TX, died 21 Jan 1957 at Trinity, TX, married twice: (1) Lillian E. Pedron on 18 Aug 1901 at Camden, AR - one child, Virginia Jeffus who married Johnnie Johnson; and (2) Lettie Mae Bagwell on 31 May 1914 at Groveton, TX - ten children. Husband and 2nd wife buried at Antioch Cemetery near Lovelady, TX.
 6. Lona Alice Jeffus born 16 Aug 1880 near Lovelady, TX, died 15 May 1967 at Crockett, TX, married twice: (1) a first cousin, Samuel Jeffus, son of Nathaniel "Nathan" and Carrie Jeffus - they had one child, a daughter named Ruth Edna Jeffus who was born in 1900, married Edgar Conaway, and died 01 June 1930; (2) Vester Yeager on 16 Sept 1906 and they had three children:
 - a. O'Neil Elna Yeager born 03 Aug 1907.
 - b. George Byron Yeager born 14 July 1910.
 - c. Harold Allan Yeager born 19 March 1920.
 7. George Melvin Jeffus born 01 March 1885 near Lovelady, TX, died 08 Aug 1975 at Crockett, TX, married twice: (1) Ira Brannen - six children: and, (2) Mattie Sessions - no children. He is buried at Holly Cemetery, Crockett, TX.
 8. Ada Maybell Jeffus born 07 Sept 1887 near Lovelady, TX, died 27 Dec 1975 at Santa Ana, CA, married William Arthur Sowers.
 9. Leo Conway Jeffus born 24 Jan 1889 near Lovelady, TX, died 06 June 1928 near Anaheim, CA, married Pauline Jecklin.
 10. Hayne Welcome (changed to Hayne Nelms) Jeffus born 26 July 1893 near Lovelady, TX, died 08 March 1967 at Crockett, TX, married (1) Idella _____, had some children, and (2) Mrs. Inez (Dean) Stewart - no children.
- XII. Nathaniel "Nathan" Jeffus born 13 Dec 1845 in Ouschita Co., AR, died 18 Dec 1893, married Carrie Matilda Prudence Pope in Ouschita Co., AR. They had seven children:
1. Katy Jeffus born about 1870, married _____ Harrelson, lived at Lubbock, TX.
 2. Lady Lee Jeffus born about 1874, married _____ Smith.
 3. Samuel Jeffus born about 1877, married Lona Alice Jeffus, his first cousin; they had one child, a daughter named Ruth Edna Jeffus. (See Lona Alice Jeffus under Caleb Jeffus above).

4. John Jeffus
5. George Jeffus
6. Hoy Davis Jeffus born 23 Aug 1883 AR, died 14 March 1951 at Modesto, CA, married Ada Eugene Peters 18 Nov 1906 in Howard Co., AB. She was born 23 Feb 1889 AR, a daughter of James Van Peters and Molly Green, and died 06 Dec 1967 at Fresno, CA. They had six children.
7. Roy Jeffus

XIII. Dempsey Foster Jeffus born 02 April 1848 in Ouachita Co., AR, died 21 Dec 1917 in Ouachita Co., AR, married twice: (1) Bettie McKee born 07 July 1848, died 01 Oct 1870 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had two children:

1. Martha Jeffus born and died 23 Feb 1867. Her tombstone at Bethesda Cemetery indicates 1877 as year of birth and death but her mother died in 1870.
2. Samuel Cicero Jeffus born 18 Sept 1870 in Ouachita Co., AR, died 07 May 1957 in Ouachita Co., AR. Married twice: (1) Carrie Renfro on 26 Dec 1897 at Camden, AR. She was born 22 May 1879, a daughter of James P. and Maggie Renfro, and died 28 April 1902. They had one child, Ruth Jeffus who married Noel Starnes. (2) Mrs. Lottie Ann (Fagg) Molloway on 03 April 1910 in Ouachita Co., AR. They had five children and Lottie Ann had had two children by her first husband.

Dempsey Foster Jeffus, Bettie McKee, Martha Jeffus, Samuel Cicero Jeffus, Carrie Renfro and Lottie Ann Fagg are all buried at Bethesda Cemetery.

Dempsey Foster Jeffus' (2) marriage was with Catherine Penelope Works, a daughter of Jesse Works and Nancy Sample, born 25 Dec 1840 and died 02 April 1916. (see RO-CC Vol. 6, No. 1, p 38). They had five children:

1. Allen Jeffus
2. Nancy Jeffus
3. Bettie Jeffus
4. Jesse Jeffus
5. Welcome Jeffus

XIV. Epsay Catharine Jeffus born 16 Jan 1851 Ouachita Co., AR, died 18 Sept 1870, married Jacques Theodore Pedron in 1869 in Ouachita Co., AR. He was born 31 Jan 1842 in Nantes, France, a son of Louis Theodore Pedron and Victorine Portier, and died 21 Feb 1908. (After Epsay Catharine died, Jacques Theodore Pedron married Virginia Perry). She is buried in an unmarked grave at Bethesda Cemetery and he is buried at Mount Horeb Cemetery, Ouachita Co., AR. They had one child:

1. Florence Catharine Pedron born 06 Sept 1870, died 13 Aug 1937, married Adolph Alonzo Wilkinson 24 Dec 1890 in Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Mount Horeb Cemetery. They had seven children.
- XV. Joseph Thomas Jeffus born 10 Feb 1854 Ouachita Co., AR, died 09 Nov 1928 Ouachita Co., AR, married Mollie Leonet Pedron, daughter of Louis Theodore Pedron and Victorine Portier, born 04 Sept 1851 Ouachita Co., AR, died 27 Feb 1934 Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. They had eight children.
1. Carrie Lee Jeffus born 06 Dec 1873, died 27 Feb 1934 AR, married Elisha Joseph Goodwin Carter 07 Feb 1895 Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Moseley Cemetery near Warren, AR. Five children.
 2. Infant, stillborn 1875.
 3. William Thomas Jeffus born 23 Sept 1879 Ouachita Co., AR, died 27 April 1958, married Samantha Antoinette Halford 18 Nov 1908 Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Three children.
 4. Infant, stillborn 1881.
 5. Eve Rosetta Jeffus born 11 April 1884, died 25 June 1969, married William Albert Smith 26 Dec 1900 in Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Liberty Cemetery, Ouachita Co., AR. Three children.
 6. Adam Roy Jeffus born 01 May 1886, died 29 Oct 1953 at Camden, AR, married Ila Marcie Allen 12 May 1918 at Camden, AR. Both are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Four children.
 7. Marvin Jeffus born 1888 Ouachita Co., AR.
 8. Nettie Mae Jeffus born 29 Jan 1890, died 17 Jan 1913, married Marvin M. Allen 01 Jan 1911 at Joseph Thomas Jeffus home in Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. No issue.
- XVI. Daniel Green Jeffus born 24 Aug 1857 Ouachita Co., AR, died 19 Aug 1935 at home, married Martha Lee Adamson 16 Sept 1886 in Ouachita Co., AR. She was born 10 Sept 1865 at McNeil, Columbia Co., AR, the second of three daughters of Dr. George Myron Adamson and Martha Catherine Butler, and died 27 October 1925 at the Jeffus home in Ouachita Co., AR. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Seven children:
1. Infant son, stillborn 20 Aug 1887.
 2. Martha Catharine Jeffus born 05 Dec 1889, died 12 Jan 1926, married Curtis Monroe Wilson 28 Jan 1912 in Ouachita Co., AR. He was born 07 Feb 1882, the youngest son of John Dec Wilson and Martha Ann Smith, and died 11 Nov 1952. Both are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Five children.

3. Minnie Roberta Jeffus born 14 Jan 1892, died 06 Feb 1977 at Camden, AR, married Arthur Marks 07 Feb 1915 in Ouachita Co., AR. He was born 17 Dec 1891, a son of James Edgar Marks and Elizabeth Rogers, and was killed in a logging accident on 18 Feb 1921. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Two children.
4. Elizabeth Clemon Jeffus born 08 Dec 1893, died 18 Feb 1908 from measles and is buried at Bethesda Cemetery.
5. Daniel Myron Jeffus born 17 July 1898, died 09 Dec 1983 at Texarkana, AR, married Mary Edith Pace 13 Dec 1919 at Camden, AR. She was born 13 Oct 1904 at Camden, AR, the first and only child of Aylmer Ramsey Pace and Martha Brunet Moon living past infancy, and died 13 Nov 1971 at Texarkana, AR. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Five children.
6. Willie Edison Jeffus born 26 July 1900, died 04 Jan 1966, married Hattie Everlee Inzer 02 Sept 1928 in Ouachita Co., AR. She was born 24 Sept 1911, the oldest child of Henry Washington Inzer and Mary Elizabeth Morrison, and died 24 March 1965. H/W are buried at Bethesda Cemetery. Four children.
7. Nancy Lee Jeffus born 28 Dec 1903, died 02 Feb 1904, buried at Bethesda Cemetery.

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DAVIS FAMILY SCAN

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Allen Davis was born about 1812 in Randolph County, GA. His parentage has not been established. He married Catharine Independence Durham about 1835 in Randolph County near Cuthbert, GA (before marriage record keeping was started in that county). Allen Davis, a school teacher, died in 1844 in Dale County, AL where he had lived only a few years. (He was enumerated in Randolph County, GA in the 1840 federal census and his third child was born 05 Jan 1841 in that county).

His wife, Catharine Durham, was called "Katy". She was born 04 July 1816 in Georgia (probably Pulaski County), a daughter of John Durham, born in 1796 in Georgia, and his first wife, Polly Yearty, born about 1798 in GA. John and Polly Durham had two other children: James Durham born 27 Dec 1814 in GA, died 10 Oct 1899 in Winn Parish, LA and married Eliza (or Elisor) Crawford Davis, Allen's sister, on 16 Sept 1838 in Randolph County, GA; and, Nellie Durham who married Chesley Warren and lived at Atlanta, GA.

One report indicates that Allen Davis came from a very large family - 16 children - but information is available on only one younger brother, Henry Davis, and the sister, Eliza Crawford Davis, mentioned above. Henry Davis was born 15 Nov 1829 in Randolph County, GA, died 26 March 1912 at Quitman, Jackson Parish, LA. He married twice: (1) Charlotte Galloway 10 Oct 1848 in Randolph Co., GA - no children, and (2) Jemimah Elizabeth Kesterson 15 Sept 1855 at the home of her father, Samuel Kesterson, in Columbia Co., AR. Tradition says that Henry's first marriage did not last very long before he left Georgia for Arkansas where his Uncle Allen Davis lived - an Allen Davis was enumerated with his wife and 12 children in the 1840 federal census for Ecore Fabre Township, Union Co., AR. Henry Davis was listed in the household of Dempsey Foster in the 1850 census for Lafayette Township, Ouachita Co., AR. Henry Davis and Jemimah Kesterson had 10 children in Arkansas and Louisiana and are the grandparents of Jimmie Davis, twice elected Governor of Louisiana.

Allen and "Katy" Davis had three children in Randolph Co., GA before moving to Dale Co., AL, where their fourth child was born in 1843. After Allen's death in 1844 in Dale Co., AL, James Durham, brother of Allen's widow and husband of Allen's sister, was appointed administrator of the Allen Davis estate in Randolph Co., GA and served in that capacity from 01 Nov 1844 to 02 March 1846. It is interesting to note that John Cox, a brother-in-law of Samuel Jeffus through his first wife, was the first recipient in the Allen Davis estate. This indicates that the families of Allen Davis, Samuel Jeffus, John Cox and Caleb Cox were quite familiar with each other in Dale Co., AL. Sometime after Samuel Jeffus married "Katy" (Durham) Davis, he was appointed legal guardian of "Katy's" four minor children (by Allen Davis) by the Probate Court in Ouachita Co., AR. Under this guardianship, Samuel Jeffus made a trip to Cuthbert, GA and collected \$336.49 on 27 Nov 1848 as the residual in the Allen Davis estate.

The four children of Allen Davis and Catharine Durham were:

- I. Mary Ann Davis (called Polly Ann) born 08 Sept 1836 (her tombstone and obituary read 1837), died 03 April 1924 in Ouachita Co., AR, married Albert James Wells 05 Oct 1856 in Ouachita Co., AR. He was born 05 Dec 1831 in Tennessee, the oldest child of Rev. John Livingston Wells and