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A poem published by a British abolitionist in 1773.

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Looking for Jesse Atlas

Nicka Smith
AAGSNC Board Member

It was February 2004. Lawrence Atlas, the oldest living descendant of King Atlas, Sr. (born 1809–1810, died 1891–1892) and the oldest living alumnus of Tuskegee (Institute) University, had died at the age of 97. Family, friends, and colleagues had gathered to say goodbye to this gentle and kind man. I thought I too had gathered to say goodbye to my grand-uncle, but I later learned it was the beginning of an interesting genealogical journey.

In 1999, I started AtlasFamily.org, and until 2004 or so, I had never really peered deeply into genealogy research. Soon, I was bitten by the bug and trying to find out as much as I could about anyone and everyone who was related to the Atlas family. I was lucky to have a cousin and genealogist in the family, Marilyn E. P. White, who mentored me. In the words of my grandmother, she “had the good sense” to have a photographer and videographer at

Uncle Lawrence’s funeral services. At the time it seemed odd, but being a decently seasoned researcher now, I am SO GLAD she did that. More on that later.

Memories of That Day Live On

Marilyn unearthed a treat for me, my mother, and grandmother before we left for the services. In her possession

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- To promote interest in genealogy, biography, and related history of African Americans.
- To supplement and enrich the education of African Americans through the collection, preservation and maintenance of African American genealogical materials.
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- To promote and maintain ethical standards in genealogical research and publications.

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Don't Believe Everything You Hear



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by **M. Howard Edwards**
President, AAGSNC

us off on dead-end journeys. Even documents can be misleading, as pointed out in a recent presentation to the society by Electra Kimble Price titled “Analyzing Documents.” Most of us are not academics, but we have come to appreciate the comfort of having more than one document supporting the facts.

We have to resist those “leaps of faith” that present themselves from time to time. It is tempting to jump to conclusions when it is convenient (or if we are sick of looking at something). We want ever so much to will it to be true. This is a temptation we must avoid in order not to lead our descendants astray. They will trust us to have done a good and accurate job of documenting their (our) family. If a link is not complete, we must not force it, merely explain what we have and share any uncertainties we may have even if we are close to the truth. To carry the slaveholder’s surname is not proof that he fathered our families. It takes more than oral history to prove that. We need to look for that proof. Document it if we find it. Share it as just a story if that is all we have. Our families will appreciate it.

We must be skeptical of online family trees that we did not develop. A lot of shoddy work is out there. We cannot become victims of it. A tree might be a valuable map to guide our own research, but by no means should we accept it as fact without attribution.

Don't believe everything you hear, and be mightily skeptical of what you see. Document and show your sources!

While watching the series *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., on PBS I was struck by how misleading it might be to new researchers. I am the last one on Earth to question the scholarship supporting the research of his family trees, and I will not question the scholarship of Dr. Gates himself—I am a fan. I am, however, ever conscious of the choices that needed to be made regarding the selection of the subjects, the individuals selected to explore on the subjects’ family trees, the information available about those selected individuals, and, notably, the individuals not explored and why. I had to keep in mind as well the production values selected to make an attractive show for successful popular public showing. Not all of these are considerations we need to make when developing our own family histories.

This show might be remarkably misleading to the budding genealogist, indicating how easy family history research is (or how discouragingly daunting it is to be successful). Most researchers know that any success is due to long, hard work, since most of us do not have large staffs of experts at our bidding. We learn that oral histories and family stories can be wrong, sending

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The Leaf

Updates from the Board of Directors,
Officers, Society Committees, and Blog

Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

A portion of the society's January 17, 2015 meeting will be dedicated to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The agenda includes the election of new Board members.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall operation and direction of the society. It oversees daily operations of the society through the President.

The society has five directors, each holding the position for three years. The expiration of the terms of directors is staggered so that no more than two directors' tenure will end at any one time. The term for two of the current directors ends at the end of this year, and an election will be held to fill those seats.

If you are interested in running for the board or would like to nominate someone for the board, please contact Dr. Carol Miller, millerc@peds.ucsf.edu, no later than December 7, 2014.

There will be a short program after the annual meeting and election, with the subject to be announced.

Renewal Season Is Here!

Yes, it's that time of year! Your AAGSNC 2015 membership dues are, well, due. You should receive your renewal notice soon, if you haven't already.

Thank you very much for being a member and supporting us during 2014. We hope you will renew your membership for 2015. Please join us for another great year of *The Baobab Tree* (published quarterly), informative monthly meetings, Black Family History Day, the Web site, and more.

The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California is a nonprofit organization. AAGSNC invites you to join with us to further the objectives and purposes of the society. Your membership is renewable on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year. Dues not received by January 30 will be considered late and subject to a late fee of \$5.00. Members whose dues are not received by March 1 will be dropped from formal communication.

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You can renew online at <http://goo.gl/UghFsT>. If you have any questions about membership, please send a message to membership1@aagsnc.org.

A Letter from Oberlin

A visiting minister comments on the spiritual demeanor of an ancestor

Art Thomas
Contributor

At the 2009 International Black Genealogy Summit in Fort Wayne, Indiana I had the honor of being in the company of Jari Honora of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Dr. Deborah Abbott of Cleveland, Ohio, two outstanding genealogists specializing in African-American genealogy.

In 2013 I received from Jari Honora a copy of a letter he had found at the Dillard University Amistad Research Center. The letter was written in April 1860 by Charles H. Thompson, a student at Oberlin College at that time who later became The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Thompson, the first African-American to serve as a priest of the Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

Charles Thompson was born in Little York, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Oberlin College Theological Seminary in 1860, when he was ordained. He originally served in a Methodist Church in Newark, New Jersey. He had a family and received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Avery College in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1870. In the licensure of candidates for the ministry, he was selected as the examiner in Hebrew.

From 1871 to 1874 he was professor of theology (Homiletics and Pastoral Theology) at Straight University and pastor of Central Congregational in New Orleans for the American Missionary Association (AMA). The Rev. Thompson was appointed by the AMA and approved by the membership. He later taught at Alcorn University, the Mississippi state school for African Americans in Rodney. He

resigned as its president and returned to New Orleans in March 1876. He served pastorates in Augusta, Georgia, and Lexington, Kentucky. He became an Episcopal minister and eventually the minister of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

In the letter, Thompson described his time "ministering" to the colored people in the Miami Valley, Ohio, towns of Pickreltown, Bellefontaine, Urbana, and Troy. Thompson also addressed a community of colored folks near Muddy Creek, Champaign County, led by an elderly gentleman known as Father Adams. This Father Adams was my great-great-great-grandfather Lewis Adams, who in 1828 purchased 200 acres of land in Concord Township, Champaign County, Ohio, near Muddy Creek.

Charles Thompson appeared to be impressed with the sincerity and spirituality of Father Adams. He also commented on the nastiness of the white people in the community, particularly the white youth who attempted to disrupt his services.

This letter is an example of the amazing networking and interconnectivity of people, and the joy that exists in genealogical ventures.

Art Thomas is a founder of AAGGMV, member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, and member with lineage memberships in First Families of Ohio, Settlers and Builders of Ohio, Century Families of Ohio, and Civil War Families of Ohio. His family history and research reach into the early 1700's. This article first appeared in the *AAGGMV Newsletter*, Volume 13, Issue 1, Winter 2014, pages 4-10, published by African-American Genealogy Group of the Miami Valley, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

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SCHEDULE 1 - Free Inhabitants in Concord Township in the County of Champaign State

of Ohio enumerated by me, on the 10th day of June 1860. A. H. Hutton Ass't Marshall.

Post Office Urbana 211

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94		Sarah Adams	60	F						Canada			
95		Emilia Adams	57	W									
96		Sarah Adams	50	F									
97		Ernest Berg	16	W									
98		Malva Adams	37	F									
99		Thomas B. Adams	36	W									
100	108	James M. Pein	31	W		Carpenter							
101		Mary Ann	22	F									
102		L. J. Pein	2	F									
103		J. Ann Pein	7	W									
104	109	Lydia A. Adams	48	F	B								
105		Mary Adams	8	W									
106		William Adams	7	W									
107		Isaac Adams	6	W									
108		Andrew Adams	4	F									
109		Mary A. Griffin	60	F									
110		Mary A. Black	10	F									

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Berlin April 5th 1861

Dear Brother

joyfully

I am again at Berlin as you may see from the heading of this sheet. I thought tired yet my health is good and I think after a few days rest I shall be in a pretty good mood for study.

The Lord has been very gracious to me and to the people among whom I have been laboring this winter. The gospel has been preached to the very poor, and God has been pleased to visit them with the outpouring of his Spirit. The following is a brief account of the work of the Lord at the several points in my Mission since my last report. At Pickrel town Logan co. there have been three conversions. At Bellefontaine ~~eight~~ ^{eight}. At Upton and Champaign co. three. At Troy Miami co. four. At Muddy Creek Champaign co. there is a settlement of colored people, about thirty five. Among them there is one old ~~man~~ ^{man} from the South who goes by the name of father Adams. He is now near or quite seventy years old. A man full of faith, of the Holy Ghost. He with some four or five praying women had been trying for some years to sustain a

Images courtesy of Art Thomas

church there in the back woods. He himself
acting as Baptism trustee, steward, class
leader & charter. Indeed the building they
hold their meetings in (and which is a very good
large house answering for both church & school house) he
built of his own hard earnings & labor.
The place is so far out of the way that they very
seldom have preaching, frequently not more than
once or twice a year. Here just this lonely place
the Lord has visited us this winter with a
Pentecostal Shower. The whole settlement, with one
or two exceptions had united with the church.
And we had reason to hope that they had been
truly converted to Christ - at least the greater part of
them from what we had seen of their walk
& conversation since. The whole number that
have professed faith in Christ at this place is about
twenty five. Among whom is an old man I should
think about fifty six and his wife a very old
woman perhaps fifty. They are now a very happy
couple, and have commenced life anew in
their old age. And as to father Adams I need
not say that this old servant of God is happy.
He seems to feel as good old Simeon felt when
he said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine
Eyes have seen thy Salvation."
May the Lord bless this people, and keep them
in the path of duty & of holiness! - I have

met with some opposition this winter, more I
think than usual. Most of the colored
people are from the South and their language
is very broken. And at many places the
lower class of white men & boys are in
the habit of attending their meetings to laugh and
make sport of them. In some instances
they have spit upon the poor people while at
prayer. And at other times have acted so badly
as to make it necessary to close the meeting.
This is the spirit of blood-felding. May God prosper
the day when slavery ^{and its spirit} shall cease to exist both
North and South.
Yours in Christ
C. B. Thompson.

P.S. Please send me some money as soon as
convenient, as I am about out and am
considerably in debt.
C. B. T.

The relevant portion of the letter (from pages 1 and 2):

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This Indenture Made & executed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine by & between Richard Blue of the one part & Lewis Adams of the other part both of Champaign County & State of Ohio Witnesseth that the said Richard Blue for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred & twenty dollars to him in hand paid by Lewis Adams the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargain sold conveyed & confirmed & by these presents doth grant bargain sell convey & confirm unto him the said Lewis Adams all that tract or parcel of Land being in the County aforesaid more particularly described by being the west half of the South East quarter of Section 23 Township 4 Range 12 between the Miami River To have & to hold unto him the said Lewis Adams the above described premises together with all & singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use benefit & behoof of him the Lewis Adams his heirs & assigns forever & further more the said Richard Blue for himself his heirs executors & administrators doth covenant & agree to & with him the said Lewis Adams his heirs & assigns that they will warrant & forever defend him the said Lewis Adams in the full & peaceable possession of the above granted & sold premises against the Lawfull claim or claims of all persons whatsoever in testimony whereof the said Richard Blue hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us, *Richard Blue Seal*
Samuel Brubaker & David Markley

1: 1860 census page for Concord Township, enumerated shortly after Charles H. Thompson's visit, showing the family of Lewis Adams of Champaign County, Ohio. Also seen are his daughter-in-law, Lydia Adams, and her son Isaac Adams, my great-grandfather.

2: Three-page letter from Charles H. Thompson to Simeon S. Jocelyn. From Black Abolitionist Papers 1830-1865: #15156, pages 22101, 22102, 22103, 1860 April 5, Oberlin, [Ohio], Thompson, C[harles]. H. to [Simeon S.] Jocelyn; ©1981 ProQuest LLC.

3. 1829 deed of conveyance for Lewis Adams' Champaign County property.

4. 1857 plat map of Concord Township, Champaign County, Ohio, showing property near Muddy Creek. Rectangular drawings on the map show the land holdings of the Adams family.

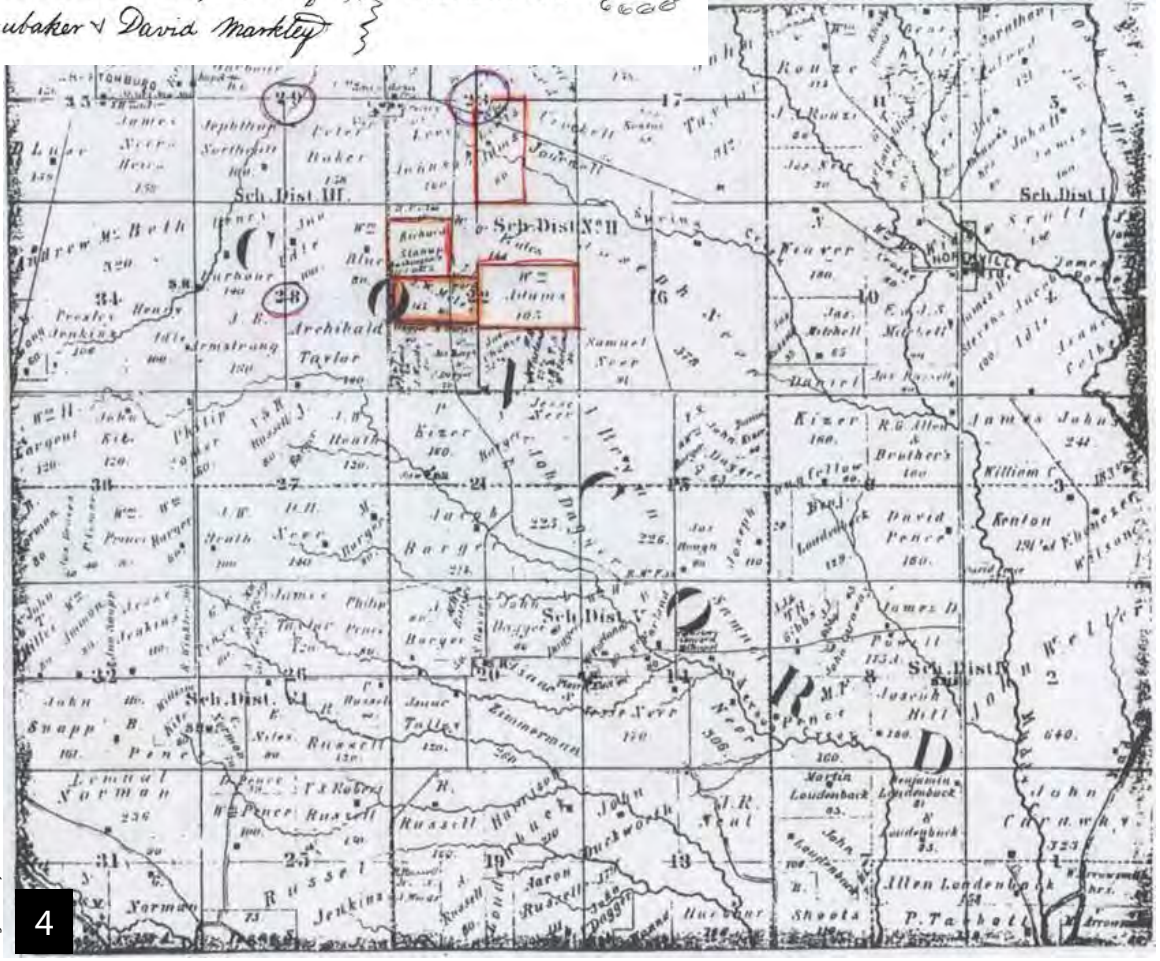


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Looking for Jesse Atlas

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was an old scrapbook that included photos of Uncle Lawrence and his siblings, including my grandmother. These are, to date, the earliest photos I have seen of my grandmother, her siblings, and their nieces and nephews. Their childhood home burned in the 1950's and everything was lost, including the family bible. I was able to see Uncle Lawrence as a young man (the picture

below was one of the photos in that album). The photographer Marilyn hired took the three-generation photo (on the cover) of my grandmother, mother, and me looking through the scrapbook.

The services went off without a hitch. There were presentations by California legislators, resolutions, words from attendees. Then we made our way to

Holy Cross Cemetery. While there, a cousin, E.R.Z., took the time to introduce us to another person she believed to be a family member we had not met before.

Reconnecting the Family

Through nothing short of genealogical serendipity, cousin E.R.Z. had encountered Leonard Atlas while she was at work based solely on his surname. Let's be honest, how many people do you know with the last name Atlas? As they talked, they discovered that they had a grandfather with the exact same name—William Atlas—and that their families were from the same town—Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. E.R.Z. and Leonard kept in contact, and later she invited him to attend Uncle Lawrence's funeral.

E.R.Z. introduced us to Leonard while we were at the cemetery. At first, everyone was puzzled by the connection, and at the time no one could make heads or tails of it. Years later, I would discover that Leonard was also a direct male descendant of King Atlas, Sr. Leonard descended from King Sr.'s son William Steven Atlas, Sr., and Uncle Lawrence from King Sr.'s son King Atlas, Jr. Leonard and Uncle Lawrence were **SECOND COUSINS!**

“Help Me Find My Brother.”

Following the funeral, I was able to have several conversations with cousin Leonard on what he knew about our family history. One of the things he always told me was that he wanted me to help him find his brother Jesse. At first, I told Leonard that he had died in Chicago in 1927, because I knew only about his half-brother Jesse from his father's first marriage. He was adamant that I was wrong and that Jesse didn't die at just two years of age.

He told me that he had a brother named Jesse who was younger than he was but who was adopted by another family following the death of their mother



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during Jesse's childbirth. He knew Jesse's exact birth date. The adoption was why Jesse was not enumerated on the 1930 U.S. Census with Leonard and the rest of the family.¹

Leonard further explained that Jesse had been adopted by Morris Sisson, the woman who had delivered him, and that he believed Jesse may have taken her surname instead of the Atlas name. With that, I searched the 1930 U.S. census for Jesse and found him listed as the adopted son of Morris and her husband, T. L.² I searched the SSDI over and over for Jesse but had no viable possibilities. U.S. Public Records, nada.

Unfortunately, by the time the 1940 U.S. Census was released, Leonard had passed away. I didn't forget my promise to him, though. I found Jesse still living in Phillips County, Arkansas, only this time he was going by the surname Atlas

and not Sisson.³ He was 14 years old. This is the last record I have found for Jesse.

Defining a History for William Steven Atlas, Jr.

William Steven Atlas, Jr. was born between 1866–1875 in Carroll/East Carroll Parish, Louisiana to Sarah Hewlett and William Steven Atlas, Sr.

William Jr. had a relationship with a woman named Dollie Peyton. They had the following child:

- John Atlas (born March 10, 1884, died before 1940)

William Jr. next married Elnora Doan on February 14, 1900 in Madison Parish, Louisiana.⁴ They had the following children:

1. Emma Atlas (born August 1886, died unknown)
2. William Steven Atlas III (born July 28, 1889, died April 14, 1963)
3. Clara Atlas Farmer (born 1891–1894, died July 11, 1923)
4. Preston Atlas (born January 20, 1895, died April 21, 1925)
5. Elnora Atlas (born 1897–1900, died unknown)
6. Jesse Atlas (born 1897–1902, died March 16, 1927)

William Jr. then married Eliza Keyes. They had the following children:

1. Flossie Mae Atlas Lee (born July 14, 1917, died March 11, 1990)
2. Rosie Lee Atlas (born August 1919, died unknown)
3. Leonard Atlas (born April 11, 1922, died October 15, 2010)
4. Jesse Atlas (born May 30, 1925, died unknown)

State Arkansas Incorporated place _____ Ward of city _____ Block No. _____
 County Phillips Township or other division of county Hornor Block No. _____
 Enumeration place _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumerated by me on April 4 1930 R. C. Long

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PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE
Arkansas	William Jr.	Head	M	38	Mar	High School	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Farmer	Married	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
Arkansas	William Sr.	Wife	F	35	Mar	High School	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Farmer	Married	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
Arkansas	Jesse	Son	M	10	Unm	Elementary	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	None	Unm	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas

State Arkansas Incorporated place _____ Ward of city _____ Block No. _____
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
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State Arkansas Incorporated place _____ Ward of city _____ Block No. _____
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 Enumeration place _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumerated by me on April 4 1940 R. C. Long

Sheet No. 3 A

LOCATION	HOUSEHOLD DATA	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE APRIL 1, 1940	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION, SERVICE, AND LEAS OF WORKERS	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND SERVICE
1	1	3	Archie	Head	High School	Arkansas	Arkansas	Married	High School	Farmer	Married	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
2	1	3	Archie	Wife	High School	Arkansas	Arkansas	Married	High School	Farmer	Married	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
3	1	3	Archie	Son	Elementary	Arkansas	Arkansas	Unm	Elementary	None	Unm	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas

Third and last, William Jr. married Indice Rudolph on March 3, 1937 in Phillips, Arkansas.⁵ There were no known children from this marriage.

Between 1919 and 1922, William Jr. left the northeast Louisiana area and migrated to Hornor, or what is now West Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas. He died there on February 3, 1938.⁶ Due to this migration, family members lost contact and thus had to be reunited nearly 1,800 miles away in California.

Let's Take a Trip to Helena!

With no other leads online, the next logical step was to take a gander at

microfilm or take a trip to Phillips County, Arkansas to see if I could find anything on Jesse. Luckily, I now lived only two hours' drive from there. So, in September 2014, I took a trip to see if I could successfully locate Jesse.

I started my search at the Phillips County courthouse and came up empty on new information. There was nothing on Jesse at all in marriages, deeds/conveyances, court cases—you name it, I asked about it and searched it with both clerks. I imagine that this is an issue with anyone who has family who were not landowners or firmly established in a community. On a positive note, I did see the actual marriage license instead

of just an index record for William Jr.'s marriage to his third wife and was able to add that as a source to our database.

As with all other research trips, the next logical step was to head to the county library or a local genealogical or historical society to see if they had any information. The county clerk notified me of a local society and told me that they had done a fair amount of work on black American genealogy in the area. So I drove to Marvell, Arkansas, to visit the Tri-County Genealogical Society.

With the help of one of the members/volunteers named Ms. Carrie, I was able to locate a book of burials in the

county titled *Phillips County Cemetery Transcriptions* by Carla Robinson. This book has transcriptions of black American burials in the area from various sources but mostly black funeral home records in the area and canvassing of black cemeteries. While it contained a notation for William Jr., there was nothing for Jesse. Rats! Regardless, the book is an excellent resource for those researching black genealogy in Phillips County.

Next, I headed to the county library to see if there was a glimmer of hope there. Again, absolutely nothing.

Empty-handed Isn't the End of the Story

While I have to admit it was disappointing not to find anything about Jesse, the trip and my efforts weren't a lost cause.

In this world we live in, we often want things to happen quickly and without delay. I've learned in my years of genealogy that most of the time this doesn't happen. It can take years to find just a single fact or add a single name to a branch of a family tree. The negative part is not in all the time it took, but in the very act of NOT making the effort to find the information that leads to discovering that single name. Our team can now stand on the fact that we did make an effort to find Jesse, and while we didn't find him now, eventually we will. I hope this story will aid in our efforts.

Cover image: Left to right: Grannie, Mom, and me going through Uncle Lawrence's scrapbook, February 2004

1. Lawrence Atlas, circa 1940's
2. This is the only photo taken with Leonard Atlas in it from Lawrence Atlas' funeral in February 2004. Leonard is standing off center, second from the right. On just this profile glance, one can see the striking resemblance he bore to his second cousin Lawrence.
3. 1930 U.S. Census: William S. Atlas, Jr. and family including Leonard Atlas¹
4. 1930 U.S. Census: Morris Sisson and family, including Jesse [Atlas] Sisson²
5. 1940 U.S. Census: Jesse Atlas³
6. Phillips County, Arkansas marriage index noting the marriage of William Atlas, Jr. to Indice Rudolph

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Endnotes

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16, 2014), William Atlas, February 3, 1938; derived from "Arkansas, Death Index, 1914-1950," index and images, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com/>, 2005); a multigenerational derivative citing Division of Vital Records, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1950 (Arkansas: Arkansas Genealogical Society).

This article was first posted to the Atlas Family blog on October 1, 2014 at <http://blog.atlasfamily.org/2014/10/finding-jesse-atlas.html>.



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Erratum

In the article "Black Maritime History Resources at the San Francisco Maritime Museum" in the Summer 2014 issue of *The Baobab Tree*, the captions describing the images were flipped on page 12. The cover image was "Large Canoe and Village Scene (Liberia?), mid-19th Century", and the image on page 12 was "Transporting Sugar Hogsheads by Boat."

AAGSNC Executive Committee Meeting Notes September 20, 2014 and October 18, 2014

September 20, 2014

Committee Reports

Secretary: Dera Williams

No report. The June 2014 and September 2014 minutes will be available for the October meeting.

Membership: Upperton Hurts

Upperton made a preprinted attendance sheet after going over six months of attendance records. The Executive Committee approved it with minor changes.

Program: Annette Madden

Annette handed out the current program schedule. The rest of the year is set, and some of 2015.

Journal: Janice Sellers

The summer issue is finished and at the printer. Upperton will contact Bill Melson about uploading journals to Web site.

History: Jackie Chauhan

Jackie wants to make a pamphlet for the society's history and founders. She will be contacting original members for interviews.

Publicity: Jackie Stewart

The committee is continuing to publicize meetings.

Website: Upperton Hurts

The Web site is being updated with new modules.

Outreach and Education: Alvis Ward
Alvis requested more volunteers for the Youth Ancestry program on Saturdays at the FamilySearch Library.

There will not be a Black Family History Day at the FamilySearch Library in October this year.

Other Matters

Obituaries from Alameda County 1985 forward are being updated.

Electra extracted black families from 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses in Alameda County.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

October 18, 2014

Committee Reports

Secretary: Dera Williams

The minutes of June 21, 2014 and September 20, 2014 were approved.

The Executive Committee minutes have been uploaded as files on the Officers Yahoo! group back to 2011–2012 fiscal years to date.

Membership: Upperton Hurts

We have 134 members and 128 memberships.

Program: Annette Madden

Electra Price will lecture today on death certificates and brick walls.

Website: Upperton Hurts

The Website Committee has a test site up. There are still a few bugs with the upgrade.

Treasurer:

President Edwards reported we have a balance of \$6,294.43. Report was distributed.

Journal:

President Edwards presented journal committee chair Janice Sellers' report in her absence.

- Editor Janice Sellers would like to have the PDF of the journal e-mailed directly to all members when it is available. The Executive Committee voted to approve the new procedure.

- The summer issue has been distributed.

- Bill reported that the winter, spring, and summer issues of *Baobab* were uploaded to the Web site.

- The fall issue is in progress.

Historian: Jackie Chauhan

Jackie requested board meeting minutes for the archives. The recording secretary also takes minutes for board meetings. Jackie is committed to getting the society history written once she gets all the pieces.

Other Matters

There was a discussion about having a Just Us Day at the FamilySearch Library. It will be a chance to get familiar with the new procedures and for members to be mentored.

The Dying Negro

A poem published by a British abolitionist that became a bestseller

THE following POEM was occasioned by a fact which had recently happened at the time of its first publication in 1773. A Negro, belonging to the Captain of a West-Indiaman, having agreed to marry a white woman, his fellow-servant, in order to effect his purpose, had left his master's house, and procured himself to be baptized; but being detected and taken, he was sent on board the Captain's vessel then lying in the River; where, finding no chance of escaping, and preferring death to another voyage to America, he took an opportunity of shooting himself. As soon as his determination is fixed, he is supposed to write this Epistle to his intended Wife.

AN EPISTLE, &c.

ARM'D with thy sad last gift—the pow'r to die,
Thy shafts, stern fortune, now I can defy;
Thy dreadful mercy points at length the shore,
Where all is peace, and men are slaves no more;
—This weapon, ev'n in chains, the brave can wield,
And vanquish'd, quit triumphantly the field:
—Beneath such wrongs let pallid Christians live,
Such they can perpetrate, and may forgive.
Yet while I tread that gulph's tremendous brink,
Where nature shudders, and where beings sink,

[2]

Ere yet this hand a life of torment close,
And end by one determin'd stroke my woes,
Is there a fond regret, which moves my mind
To pause, and cast a ling'ring look behind?
—O my lov'd bride!—for I have call'd thee mine,
Dearer than life, whom I with life resign,
For thee ev'n here this faithful heart shall glow,
A pang shall rend me, and a tear shall flow.—
How shall I soothe thy grief, since fate denies
Thy pious duties to my closing eyes?
I cannot clasp thee in a last embrace,
Nor gaze in silent anguish on thy face;
I cannot raise these fetter'd arms for thee,
To ask that mercy heav'n denies to me;
Yet let thy tender breast my sorrows share,
Bleed for my wounds, and feel my deep despair.
Yet let thy tears bedew a wretch's grave,
Whom fate forbade thy tenderness to save.
Receive these sighs—to thee my soul I breathe—
Fond love in dying groans is all I can bequeathe.

[3]

Why did I, slave, beyond my lot aspire?
Why didst thou fan the inauspicious fire?
For thee I bade my drooping soul revive;
For thee alone I could have borne to live;
And love, I said, shall make me large amends,
For persecuting foes, and faithless friends:
Fool that I was! enur'd so long to pain,
To trust to hope, or dream of joy again.
Joy, stranger guest, my easy faith betray'd,
And love now points to death's eternal shade;
There while I rest from mis'ry's galling load,
Be thou the care of ev'ry pitying God!
Nor may that Dæmon's unpropitious pow'r,
Who shed his influence on my natal hour,
Pursue thee too with unrelelnting hate,
And blend with mine the colour of thy fate.
For thee may those soft hours return again,
When pleasure led thee smiling o'er the plain,
Ere, like some hell-born spectre of dismay,
I cross'd they path, and darken'd all the way.

[4]

Ye waving groves, which from this cell I view!
Ye meads now glitt'ring with the morning dew!
Ye flowers, which blush on yonder hated shore,
That at my baneful step shall fade no more,
A long farewell!—I ask no vernal bloom—
No pageant wreaths to wither on my tomb.
—Let serpents hiss and night-shade blacken there,
To mark the friendless victim of despair!
And better in th'untimely grave to rot,
The world and its all its cruelties forgot,
Than, dragg'd once more beyond the Western main,
To groan beneath some dastard planter's chain,
Where my poor countrymen in bondage wait
The slow enfranchisement of ling'ring fate.
Oh! my heart sinks, my dying eyes o'erflow,
When mem'ry paints the picture of their woe!
For I have seen them, ere the dawn of day,
Rouz'd by the lash, begin their chearless way;
Greeting with groans unwelcome morn's return,
While rage and shame their gloomy bosoms burn;

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The complete poem can be found at <https://archive.org/details/dyingnegrapoem00bickgoog>.



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Web Notes

Resources, stories, and other things found while wandering the Web

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Preview of *The Underground Railroad: The William Still Story*
<http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/shows/list/underground-railroad-the-william-still-story/>

Five things about slavery probably not taught in social studies
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/23/the-half-has-never-been-told_n_6036840.html

Online free PBS videos about Buffalo Soldiers
<http://video.pbs.org/video/1185040271/>
<http://video.pbs.org/video/1395169455/>
<http://video.pbs.org/video/1797840172/>
<http://video.pbs.org/video/2210143220/>
<http://video.pbs.org/video/2365170469/>

Seven reels of movie film from 1913 have been identified as the earliest surviving footage of a feature film with an all-black cast
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/21/nyregion/coming-soon-a-century-late-a-black-film-gem.html>

Information about a 1919 formula movie with an all-black cast
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/rmw/RMW-007_201302F01.html

The 1949 edition of *The Negro Motorist Green Book* is available as a free PDF
http://www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Race/R_Casestudy/Negro_motorist_green_bk.htm

The first black female player in the Little League World Series was watched by the only female pitcher to play in the Negro Leagues
<http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/baseball/coffey-mamie-peanut-johnson-watches-mo-davis-hurl-shutout-opener-league-world-series-article-1.1905448>

The Digital Library of Georgia has collections focusing on topics such as Augusta black funeral programs, black education in the South, records

of Macon's historic black theater, slave narratives, and early 20th-century photos from black educational institutions
<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/CollectionsA-Z/>

A slave's daughter was buried in North Carolina with a color guard of Confederate reenactors
<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/bfcef695607f44de8af13fe190bf0b9e/confederate-pomp-amid-burial-slaves-daughter>

Information about research resources for Robeson County, North Carolina
<http://ancestoring.blogspot.com/2014/09/southern-studies-showcase-robeson.html>

Tukufu Zuberi writes about the Delaware River as an important step in taking freedom
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-tukufu-zuberi/emancipating-freedom_b_5845196.html

Documentary about family reunion 150 years later of two branches of a family separated in 1859
<http://rootsrevealed.blogspot.com/2014/11/mending-broken-ties-reunion-documentary.html>

Likely slave cemetery discovered on Nashville Zoo property
<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2014/09/18/science-uncovers-story-slaves-zoo-property/15845447/>

Black cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia that had been paved over for a gas station has been restored
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/once-below-gas-station-virginia-cemetery-restored/>

Page 7 of the April 26, 2012 issue of the *Alexandria Times* has a story about a ship manifest from about 1830 (the year is not stated in the article) that lists the names and descriptions of the 83 slaves being transported
<http://alextexts.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/042612-Issue.pdf>

Stereo photograph of Robert E. Lee's slave discovered on eBay
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/rare-photo-of-robert-e-lees-slaves-shows-hero-of-arlington-selena-gray/2014/10/09/2af85a62-4fc7-11e4-8c24-487e92bc997b_story.html

Megan Smolenyak discovered that Pharrell Williams' fourth-great-grandfather almost immigrated to Liberia
<http://hamptonroads.com/2014/10/1830s-cobbler-made-decision-and-made-happy-superstar-possible>

Document signed by Abraham Lincoln appointing a man to a commission to abolish slavery in Washington, D.C.
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/archive/201302A31.html>

Downloadable PDF book listing graduates and attendees of Howard University Medical School up to 1900
http://books.google.com/books/about/A_historical_biographical_and_statistica.html?id=M_gaAAAAAYAAJ

The Library of Congress Civil Rights History Project added 50 new video oral histories, including one from Bill Russell
<http://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/2014/09/new-civil-rights-history-project-oral-histories/>

The Library of Congress Civil Rights Act of 1964 exhibit opened in September and will be there until September 2015. Digital copies of items in the exhibit are available on the exhibit Web site
<http://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/2014/09/civil-rights-act-of-1964-exhibit-now-open/>

Michelle Janine Howard is the first black woman to command a U.S. Navy ship, the first black woman to achieve the rank of admiral in the U.S. Navy, the first black woman to gain three- and four-star rank in the U.S. Armed Force, the first black woman to become a four-star admiral, and the first woman and first black to be named Vice Chief of Naval Operations
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michelle_J._Howard

The British Museum has acquired the digital archive of the Trust for African Rock Art
<http://news.artnet.com/art-world/british-museum-to-help-save-africas-ancient-rock-art-125263>

John Blanke, a trumpeter who performed for Henry VII and Henry VIII, is the only identifiable black person in 16th-century British art
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Blanke

The first blacks photographed in England
<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2014/sep/15/hidden-histories-the-first-black-people-photographed-in-britain-in-pictures>

Black Victorians in England
<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/sep/15/black-chronicles-ii-victorians-photography-exhibition-rivington-place>

Downloadable PDF book of translated notary documents from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico detailing slave transactions
<http://www.wearecousins.info/2013/11/slaves-of-monterrey-nuevo-leon-mexico/>

The African Renaissance Monument in Senegal
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Renaissance_Monument

Black Jews have their own prayer book for the first time
<http://tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/183821/black-jewish-siddur>

Web site with resources on slavery, abolitionists, and emancipation
<http://www.brychancarey.com/index.htm>

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- Miscellaneous topics of interest in researching black ancestors
- Resources and methods of research in Africa

Abstracts:

- Census transcriptions (federal, state, city, and county)
- Church records (baptisms, burials, marriages, etc.)
- Court records
- Manumission and freedom certificates
- Missionary and benevolent society records
- Military and pension records
- Newspaper transcriptions
- Plantation family papers relating to slaves
- Tax lists naming free blacks or slaves
- Voter registration lists



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