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Subject: Re: [BRIDGES-L] Lawson Bridges

I am still working on identifying the line of Bridges from which my gr-gr-grandfather descends. His name was Billings Bridges. He supposedly was born in Georgia, abt 1825-1830. He married Arabella Smith (from NC) in Calhoun Co Alabama in 1847, fathered a child, Bluford Butler Bridges in August 1848, and died in Mar/Apr 1849. Therefore, he never appeared on a census.

However, he did leave a will, which I ordered from Calhoun County. The only family he mentioned were his wife Arabella and son Bluford Butler Bridges. His executors were Baylus (Baylas, Baless, Bailus) Bridges and William Whitlock.

I searched for both of them in the 1850 census, and found them living in the same place, Benton County. Upon further checking, I found that William Whitlock was married to Latricia Bridges, and I believe that Baylus was married to ?Elizabeth Whitlock. I later found a civil war cemetery listing that indicated that Baylus died in the war and is buried in Ohio?...

Somewhere, I read that Latricia was the daughter of a Benjamin Bridges, who also lived in Benton Co.

I located Benjamin Bridges on the 1850 census in Alabama, but the names of his children all had initials, so I could not track them.

I found Arabella and her son B.Butler (Bridges) living in the household of Hardy Smith. This may or may not be her father. The census taker did not list her married name of Bridges, but put ditto marks all the way down either because of a house full of children, or because he knew Arabella to be the daughter of Hardy. The clincher was the name of B.Butler " listed at the very bottom with the correct age.

Does anyone have any info that might link Billings with either Latricia, Baylus, or Benjamin? I found a full family listing on William Whitlock, but not much on Latricia.

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Billings Bridges wife Arabella remarried in Dec 1851 to Littleberry Holcombe. I believe he may have been the brother to Julia Holcomb Geer and Solomon Jefferson Geer(my other gr-gr-grandparents), whose daughter Susan Matilda Geer later married Bluford Butler Bridges, to become the parents of my grandfather William Howell Bridges, and his sister Julia Belle Bridges.

If anyone can give me some leads or direction, I would be forever indebted.

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