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# The Pierre Chastain Family Association

Established in 1975, the **Pierre Chastain Family Association** is dedicated to the preservation and development of records and data about Chastain families. The Chastain name has varied spellings, with the most common variations being *Castine*, *Chastaine*, *Chasteen*, *Chasten*, *Chesteen*, *Shasteen*, *Shastine*, and *Shastid*. Unless your ancestors are recent immigrants, it is thought that most people who use one of these spelling variations are descendants of Dr. Pierre Chastain, a French Huguenot who migrated to America in 1700.

The Pierre Chastain Family Association maintains historical and genealogical information on thousands of Chastain descendants. The PCFA's genealogist, serving in a volunteer capacity (as do all board members), supervises and directs the compilation of genealogical records of the ancestors and descendants of Pierre Chastain, provides the membership with assistance in accessing data and gives research tips and advice to those doing further research on Chastain and related genealogy. Send your genealogical data (GEDCOMs, lineage, etc.) to our genealogist. The association has a historian who directs the compilations and writing of biographies, family histories, and personal histories pertaining to ancestors and descendants of Pierre Chastain.

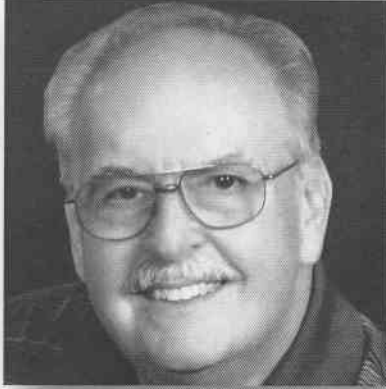
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## THE CHESTNUT TREE

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## President's Page

by Raleigh Chastine

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What to do? What to do? What to do? That's what we're all wondering regarding our 2021 Reunion. On the one hand, all this COVID-19 business seems to be slowly going away. On the other hand, Dr. Anthony Fauci, as well as the CDC, seems to be warning us that a fourth COVID wave is on the way. And what are we supposed to do about the COVID variants? Pfizer says their shot protects against most, if not all, of the variants. Others are not quite sure.

This morning on one of the news programs a woman was interviewed about how she had both shots of the vaccine several months ago but was just getting over having the disease after getting her shots. Some people think the shot is going to protect them from getting the virus, but in reality it just makes it less likely you'll have to go to the hospital.

We had a PCFA Board meeting via Zoom on April 8, 2021, to try and answer the many questions that all of us have regarding a 2021 PCFA Reunion. There's a multitude of questions that range from the age of our members and their vulnerability to COVID, to being socially aware and wearing masks, distancing, and all the things that would go with having a face-to-face, or should I say mask-to-mask, meeting.

The last thing we want is for anyone to get ill, or unknowingly spread the disease to others. After all the discussions, once the dust settled, we arrived at the following conclusion:

The Pierre Chastain Family Association Reunion for 2021 is **temporarily** scheduled for October 8-11. The location of the Reunion has been scheduled for Cartersville, Georgia. Details will be announced as soon as arrangements can be finalized so that those of you who want to attend in person can start making your reservations.

While we realize this is not the ideal situation for everyone, you will be happy to know that we are looking to broadcast the meetings via Zoom for those who aren't able to attend in

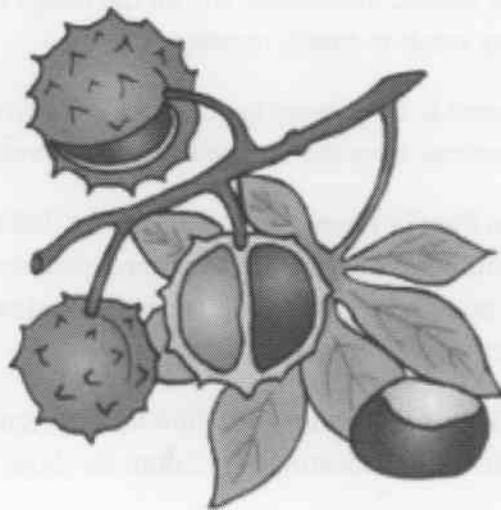
person. Please remember this is a **temporary** situation until we can verify hotel and meeting rooms. Otherwise, the meeting will be held via Zoom as it was last year.

I would like to thank the PCFA Board for their dedication in trying to make this happen. With all the uncertainty, it was not an easy decision. So, check your e-mail inboxes, Chastain Chatter, and our Facebook page for details as they become available. Final notification will also be in the September edition of *The Chestnut Tree*.

One last bit of information: We are in contact with the proprietors of Chastain Central and are working with them to help restore their Web site. Once that happens we will place a link on the PCFA Web site to their Web site, and vice versa. If you've ever visited the Chastain Central Web site in the past, you know there's lots of valuable information available. So keep your eyes open — some changes are coming.

I hope you've had a great spring and will have an even better summer. Stay happy, healthy, and safe and I hope to see some, if not all, of you at the Reunion. Take care.

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## The PCFA Facebook Group

by Karyl Chastain Beal

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Between January 1, 2021, and April 2, 2021, we approved 92 new members in the PCFA Facebook group; they come from all over the U.S. Each new person was introduced to the group. (We've also declined approval for quite a few people because they didn't submit the basic information we ask for: Name, where they're from, and their Chastain connection.)

Facebook has a section for group managers to see the activity level of the group. According to the chart indicating activity level during the months of February and March, there were 932 active members of the group totally. Active means that the person viewed, commented, posted or reacted to something in the group.

In the last 60 days, the chart shows that there have been 117 posts made in the group, 1,596 comments and 3,237 reactions. (Reactions mean that someone "likes" a post, for example.)

During this time period, Thursday seems to be the busiest day for the Facebook group, and Sheila Bonham Smith, PCFA vice-president and publicity chair, posted several announcements to let the FB group members know about the Family Tree DNA project.

It's a pleasure to go to the PCFA Facebook group each day and see Chastain cousins happy to be connecting with each other.

Visit our Facebook group at: [www.Facebook.com/groups/pierrechastain](http://www.Facebook.com/groups/pierrechastain)





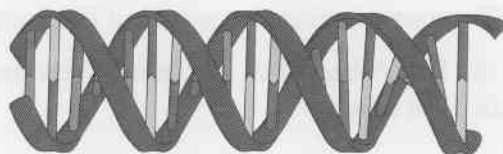
## FamilyTreeDNA Chastain Update

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Thank you to those who have purchased FTDNA kits and joined our “Chastain, Pierre” project! While we welcome all, we are especially looking for males with the Chastain name since the Y-DNA gives us critical information for lineage verification. Go through your list of living Chastain descendants and let’s test all while there is still time.

Also, we have a few descendants who have tested and are in the FTDNA database, but have not joined our project! Please, please, log in to your accounts, go to “My Projects” at top of page, and confirm you are in the Chastain project. If you are not, please scroll down the project list to “Chastain, Pierre,” click and join!

We are grateful to Jimmy Chesteen and Gary Chasteen for directing this study, and they will keep us updated as discoveries are made!



I hope all you Chastain descendants are considering DNA testing if you have not already been tested. Please read the article by Jimmy Chesteen in this issue to learn the latest report on the FamilyTreeDNA.com Pierre Chastain project. We are thrilled to have more submissions of Y-DNA testing by males with the surname Chastain (and similar spellings) and welcome female autosomal testing as well. Science can solve our mysteries.

Also, please submit your DNA results from any company to our GEDmatch project with discussion on its own private FaceBook page. Gary Chasteen is leading that project. I have posted the particular details in *The Chestnut Tree*, on the PCFA Web site, the Chastain Chatter e-mail newsletter, and the PCFA Facebook page. This provides an opportunity to compare DNA with other Chastains using testing you have already paid for!

Let’s keep the momentum going!



# Pierre Chastain FTDNA Project Update

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The FamilyTreeDNA “Chastain, Pierre” Project is now up to 75 members. The vast majority of those are participating via the Family Finder autosomal test. An autosomal chart showing the connections between members of the group has been posted on the site [www.familytreedna.com/groups/chastain-pierre/about](http://www.familytreedna.com/groups/chastain-pierre/about) (at the “Results” link under the “About Us” heading). This shows the autosomal relationship calculated (FTDNA) between all members of the project. So far there are only 5 matches between those who Y tested. These 5 sets, besides having a common male ancestor are close enough to have a detectable autosomal relationship. Those in the Y-DNA project are highlighted on the Autosomal tab.

The tools for autosomal comparison are somewhat limited on FTDNA for group studies, and Gary Chasteen has taken the lead on an autosomal project conducted through GEDmatch; instructions on how to join and access have been posted on the PCFA Facebook page and in Chastain Chatter. There is also a Facebook page just for discussion of the GEDmatch Project — [www.facebook.com/groups/718611882070900](http://www.facebook.com/groups/718611882070900) — or search for Chastain DNA Project within Facebook.

The main objective of the FTDNA project was a Y-DNA study of males with the Chastain (or spelling variation) surname. And, to date, we have 16 members, are awaiting the results for one member, and an upgrade from 12 and 37 markers to 111 for two members. Lineages have been submitted for all members, and all those reported match what we have in the PCFA database. From the third-generation men, we have 3 reported to be from William’s line, 4 from Rev. James, 5 from Rev. John, 1 from Rene, Sr., and 2 from RWS James.

There are also a number of persons who have performed Y-DNA testing on FTDNA but have yet to join the project. They appear as individual matches to the project participants but their results can’t be utilized in a comparison analysis. I would like to encourage all who have not joined to participate; if there are concerns or questions, please e-mail for further clarification.

As to what we are seeing... There are a couple of comparisons, grouping methods, or tools being used to compare the data. These tools compare the individual test results, taking into consideration the mutation rate of specific markers to determine a mean time to a common ancestor. (A chart of the results of one of those tools is shown on the next page.)

The Y-DNA grouping app seems to be doing a good job of grouping individuals to a recent common ancestor, in regards to our known paper lineages; another methodology seems to be struggling with the Rev. John, William, and James/Jesse descendants, placing them sporadically. It did bracket Rev. James and Rene descendants accordingly.

### Y-DNA Grouping App Results:

Matched Group 1 — All kits share a common male ancestor within the genealogical time frame or surname era.

Group	Reltd Sbrgp	Tightly Sbrgp	Very Tightly Sbrgp	Markers Tested	Name	Paternal Ancestor Name	Haplogroup
1	-	-	-	111	(Pierre)	-	-
1	1	1	1	37	Ricky Chastain	Elijah, Rev. John, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	1	111	William T Chastain	Abner, Rev. John, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	2	67	James D Chesteen	Stephen, Rev. James, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	2	111	Hilliard E Chesteen	Stephen, Rev. James, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	67	C Phillip Chastain	Stephen, Rev. James, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	111	Rodney Chastain	Abner, Rev. John, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	37	John L Chastain	Edward Brigand, Rev. John, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	111	Gary G. Chastain	Edward Brigand, Rev. John, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	111	David Chastain	George W., William, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	111	Michael E. Chastain	George W., William, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	1	-	111	A L Shasteen	William, Jesse, ??, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	2	3	111	Gary Chasteen	Jesse, James, ??, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	2	3	37	Paul C. Chasteen	Jesse, James, ??, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	-	-	37	Patrick M. Chastain	Renny, Peter, Rane, Pierre	R-M269
1	1	-	-	37	R C Chastain	James , Peter, Rane, Pierre	R-M269
1	-	-	-	12	Gordon L. Chastain	George W., William, Peter II, Pierre	R-M269

This grouping method is generated by The Y-DNA Grouping App. The grouping is imitating a bracket, the groups indicating the closeness of a common ancestor. The fifth column, Very Tightly Related, contains three subgroups with the three pairs known to be closely related. These groups are then joined in the fourth column, Tightly Related, by two other groups and the inclusion of persons not very tightly related from the previous sub-group. Finally the last members are joined in a "Related" group.

The analytics are based on the value of the individual test markers, the rate and frequency of marker mutations, and the number of markers tested. There is no input as to lineages, just the test results for each person. It seems to be doing a pretty good job of following our known or related paper lineages. There is some separation regarding descendants of Rev. John, for instance; the two Abner descendants would be expected to group together. Gordon is an outlier because of the low number of markers tested; he would be expected to sort with the George W. descendants once the markers are expanded.

The other item to note is that this did separate descendants of Rane<sup>2</sup>/Pierre<sup>1</sup> from those of Peter<sup>2</sup>/Pierre<sup>1</sup>, with those being the last two to join the others (12-marker kit excepted). So, does this mean that our missing links, James/Jesse, are descendants of Peter, Jr., since they join up with the Rev's and William descendants prior to joining the Rane descendants?



The big take-away is the fact that we now know that the descendants of the supposed brothers, James and Jesse, both born early 1760s, share a common male ancestry with others in the project, thus a descendant of Pierre Chastain or a male he descends from. So, we have a big hole to fill in our lineages.

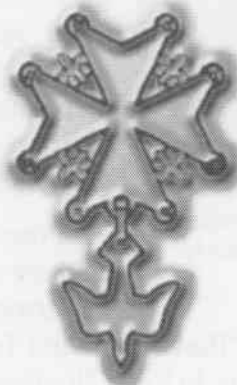
Also, James/Jesse descendants are presently grouping with Peter II's descendants (William, Rev's John and James) presently. Also, two sets of data from descendants of Rane Chastain<sup>2</sup> (Pierre<sup>1</sup>) are grouping together, and, as presumed, are separated in the groupings from the descendants of Peter II. So, that shows some promise in helping to resolve some unknown lines who might test in the future.

I want to mention the Ohio Shasteen/Shastid family, primarily the descendants of a James Sharstead/Sharsteen/etc. who married Pheobe Padgent in Virginia circa 1770s. I am in contact with a descendant of this line and a male descendant did test but they did not match any of the group participants. Of course this one lineage might have a non-paternity event, so we hope to locate someone else from a different line of descent of this lineage to test.

The hope is to have at least one person test from all third-generation men and those with unknown or unattached lineages to Pierre. Currently there are no members from Pierre's oldest son, Jean (John) Adam Chastain. Likewise, we have no one participating from Abraham's lineage. And another person from Rane's line would aid statistically.

If you are a descendant of one of these lines, or know a male who descends from one of these men, e-mail us or contact them about the project. The project is unlimited and all interested are encouraged to participate regardless of lineage.

Reach out to us for any questions; the more the better! Hopefully we will have some interest at some point from European "Chastains" as well.



## Obituary: James Alfred 'Al' Evett

James Alfred "Al" Evett, 92, died Monday, March 29, 2021, of natural causes. He was born October 28, 1928, to Joseph Alfred Evett and Evelyn Smith Evett in Lincoln Mill Village, Huntsville, Alabama. James (known to his family and friends as Alfred and Al) was the oldest of eight children.

Al married his sweetheart, Dorothy "Dot" Sublett, on June 3, 1952, and they celebrated almost 68 years of marriage. Wanting to see the world, Al joined the Navy at age 17. After a brief career with the Navy, he joined the Air Force. He always knew he wanted a family, and felt the Air Force was more family-friendly. With family in tow, Al went on to live all over the U.S., and the world.

While in the Air Force, Al served as a fireman and airplane mechanic. He was a veteran of the Korean War, with a short tour in Vietnam, serving with honor. After retirement from the Air Force, he had another career with civil service, serving again as a fireman, moving up to fire inspector. In retirement, Al and Dot settled in Scottsboro, Alabama. Many happy memories were made at home there. They were members of the Broad Street Church of Christ in Scottsboro.



In the Air Force, Al Evett, right, and his brother Bart are seen on top of a crash truck in Germany.

Al is survived by his three daughters, Jan Evett Andrews, Donna Evett Chatham, and Nancy Evett Graham; nine grandchildren, Dale II, Joel, Jennifer, Anna, Amy, Asra, Ashley, Coleman, and James; and six great-grandchildren, Brian, Molly, Viola, Luca, Juliette, and Angelina. He is also survived by three sisters, Alma Evett Ford, Debbie Evett Creel, Pam Evett Jackson; sister-in-law, Linda Evett; and many nieces and nephews. Of his nieces, many are in the nursing profession, and one nephew is a fire chief, one is a fire medic, and two are retired firemen.

Preceding Mr. Evett in death was his beloved wife, Dorothy; a beloved grandson, Ian Love; and his parents, Joe and Evelyn Evett; two brothers, Herbert Bartow "Bart" Evett and Terry Morgan Evett; and two sisters, Mary "Polly" Evett Honea and Martha Jo Evett Bradford.

James Alfred Evett was an outstanding family man who loved his family and stood by them daily and faithfully through the years. He loved seeing new places and a good fishing outing, especially with his two brothers. Al also traveled in many states pursuing genealogy research. He and Dorothy made several camping trips to the national parks with their daughters and grandchildren. He enjoyed learning new things and was always eager to learn how to use the newest technology and gadgets.

Al had a ready laugh and a sweet, kind nature that was extended to all, including animals. His abundance of patience made him a joy to be around.

### *Chastain ancestors*

James Alfred “Al” Evett was the son of Joseph Alfred Evett (1906-1986) and Dora Evelyn Smith (1912-1985). Joseph Alfred Evett was born December 23, 1906, to James Bailey “Jim” Evett (1881-1958) and Evie E. Lovvorn (1880-1930).

James Bailey “Jim” Evett was born on September 20, 1881, in Jackson County, Alabama, to Thompson Evett (1857-1896) and Mary Casada “Sadie” Hill (1858-1937). Mary Casada “Sadie” Hill was born March 19, 1858, in Tennessee to Joseph Hill (1826-1908) and Matilda Chasteen (1835-1899). Following the death of her first husband, Thompson Evett, Mary Casada Hill Evett married Alfred Lovelace on March 17, 1906, in Dekalb County, Alabama.

Matilda Chasteen was born March 15, 1835, in Tennessee to Louisa and Jesse Shasteen (1804-1873). Jesse was the son of William B. Shasteen, Sr. (1786-1841) and Elizabeth Reed.

William B. Shasteen, Sr., was born around 1786 in Amherst County, Virginia, to Jesse Shasteen, Sr. (1755-1840) and Ellenor Elizabeth Wade Coffey (daughter of John and Elizabeth Wade, and widow of Archelaus Coffey). William was an older brother of Thomas Shasteen, who married Nancy Jones (see the following pages for more on their descendants). After the death of Jesse Shasteen’s mother, Elizabeth Reed, William subsequently married Mary Lavina Chastain Bowling (#64 in *Pierre Chastain and His Descendants, Volume I*, daughter of the Rev. John “Ten Shilling Bell” Chastain, #15) around 1831.

Jesse Shasteen, Sr. — father of William B. Shasteen, Sr., and Thomas Shasteen, among others — was born around 1755 in Albemarle County, Virginia, and died around 1840 in Gallatin County, Illinois. His parents have not yet been documented.



Standing, from left, are George M. Evett and wife Florrie Merrell, Mary Casada (Sadie) Evett and her second husband, Alfred Lovelace, and Mary’s brother Lewis Hill. Sitting, from left, are Elige Shankles and wife, Susan Sophronia (Fronnie) Evett.

*Errata & Addenda — Unattached Families***Thomas Shasteen/Chasteen**by **Jim Chesteen**

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***Information and records relating to, and a proposed family structure for, Thomas Shasteen/Chasteen and Nancy Jones***

A continued effort to document additional information on, and correct where possible, previously published data on lines of descent from Pierre Chastain, or put in print those families whose ancestry is uncertain and/or previously unpublished, this series of articles serves as an *Errata and Addenda II* for the *Pierre Chastain and His Descendants* books.

This narrative is a basically a Census research document that spans some three generations for several family units not otherwise connected to known Chastain lines. These families that had the same migration patterns, resided first with one then another of the group in various Census years. The apparent progenitors, Thomas Shasteen/Chasteen and Nancy Jones, had been identified in several legal records, marriage in Kentucky, and were mentioned by Gene Cook in his research for *Little Otter to Lost River* and Joy Quant Gallagher in *The Ancestors and Descendants of William Shasteen, Sr.* Thomas has been established as a son of Jesse Shasteen, Sr. and his wife Ellenor Coffee née Wade.

So, here's an effort to identify and compile descendants, to create a proposed family structure, for Thomas and Nancy. Note that a lineage, although incomplete, has been assigned to Thomas. Descendants of Jesse Shasteen have performed Y-DNA testing, and results indicate that this lineage is a direct descendant of Pierre or a male that Pierre descends from.

Obviously a great number of records remain to be consulted concerning this family: probate, deed transactions, 1900 and later Census records, etc., additional generations to be added. Please let us know of any comments, additions and or corrections on this or any other lineage whether previously in printed material or not.

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*Thomas Shasteen/Chasteen (Jesse<sup>3</sup>, unknown<sup>2</sup>, Pierre<sup>1</sup>)*

1. **Thomas<sup>2</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen** (Jesse<sup>3</sup> Shasteen, unknown<sup>2</sup>, Pierre<sup>1</sup>), son of Jesse and Elinor (Wade) Shasteen (Chasteen), was born between 1790 and 1800 in Kentucky and died between 1840 and 1845 in Illinois or en route to Mississippi. He married on 10 September 1813 in Wayne County, Kentucky, Nancy Jones, who was born circa 1791 in Kentucky.

The 1820 Franklin County, AL, state Census includes the household of Thomas Shasteen, apparently the first occurrence of the family unit in Census records. The enumeration notes a family of considerable size for the age of the eldest male and female, both under 30 with 4 males and 4 females under the age of 21. It may be there was an incorrect numbering of the occupants or more likely other relatives were residing in the home. There doesn't appear to be another candidate for this household head except Thomas Shasteen who married Nancy Jones, the son of Jesse and Elinor Wade Coffee Shasteen.

Thomas only appears on tax lists of Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1815 and 1816, but potential children were born in Kentucky as late as 1818. It is possible that Thomas traveled down through middle Tennessee in the late teens en route to his older brother William Shasteen, Sr.'s, residence. William also married his first wife, Elizabeth Reed, in Wayne County, Kentucky, and left a trail of records in Tennessee in the teens and twenties, eventually settling in Franklin County, Tennessee. Of note, William's second wife was Lavina Chastain Bowling, daughter of Rev. John Chastain.

If Thomas did locate William, he apparently did not linger long in Tennessee; no probable children related births there, and he had taken up residence in Alabama by 1820. However, the family did settle down, probably in Franklin County until the mid-1820s, possibly as late as 1828 based on family birth locations. Tax and land records for Thomas in Alabama have not been reviewed.

By 1830, the family seems to be the same as that recorded under the same name, Thomas Shasteen, in Clark County, Illinois, which also establishes more definite age structures within the family; the list of children is based on this 1830 record supplemented by the later Censuses. In 1830, residing just a few homes from Thomas is the household of William Shasteen, a 40- to 50-year-old male with 4 males under the age of 20. Could this be Thomas's brother William? William has not been identified in the 1820 or 1830 enumeration schedules.

The enumeration brackets for 1840 are an equivalent with those of 1830 with the possible addition of one female born 1830 or after, and the female born 1810-15 in 1830 is now removed from the home. The family unit was enumerated in 1840 in Coles County, Illinois, but probably did not relocate; the western half of Clark became the southern half of Coles in the 1830s.

After examining the records for 1850, it appears there are no identifiable members of Thomas's family remaining in Illinois, the family dispersed south into northern Mississippi. It

would appear that Nancy Chastine who is recorded as a resident of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on the state Census of 1845 and then the 1850 federal Census of Tishomingo, County is Thomas's widow. Nancy's age and birth are consistent with prior records: birth about 1791 and in Kentucky. Also included in the home are Sina E. Chastine, age 26, born in Alabama, which fits with the migratory pattern of the family in Alabama in the early to late 1820s. Sina is a match for the female born 1820-25 in the age brackets for both 1830 and 1840. However, there is a child age 1 noted in the home, Nancy N. A. with surname dittoed as Chastine, born in Mississippi. Is the infant Nancy a child of Sina? Perhaps Sina is a daughter-in-law of Nancy or an un-married mother rather than a child.

Two other households recorded in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, are candidates for children, containing births of family members in Kentucky in the "teens," Alabama in the twenties, then Illinois, and then in Mississippi in the mid 1840s. These are the households of Alexander Chastine born about 1815 in Kentucky, who had children born in both Illinois and Mississippi, and his next-door neighbor Finley Chastine, born about 1830 in Illinois. Alexander would be one of the males in Thomas's home born 1815-20, and Finley seems to be one of the males noted born 1825-30. Finley is recorded in later records with other members of the family unit.

A few counties to the west, in Marshall County, Mississippi are the households of John C. Chasteen and Jesse B. Chasteen. Each of these households also have the same pattern of births consistent with the migrations of those in Tishomingo County; elders born in Kentucky, mid-age persons born in Alabama and Illinois, with those born after 1842 or so in Mississippi. Also recorded in John's home is a presumed brother, Thomas, born about 1824 in Alabama. Thomas seems to be the same person who married Elizabeth Jones in Marshall County, Mississippi, in 1856. All three of these men are of age and fit nicely within the age brackets of Thomas's prior Census enumerations. A John Chasteen was also residing near to Thomas in Coles County in 1840, and is presumed to be the person of the same name in 1850 Marshall County.

Residing to the west of John C. and Jesse B. in Tunica County, Mississippi, is William Chasteen who was born about 1821 in Alabama, unattached to any other known "Chastain" lineage. William is an age match as the other son of Thomas born 1820-25. William is recorded with an apparent wife and 3-year-old daughter. By 1860 William's family is found in Phillips County, Arkansas, and residing next door is the aforementioned Finley Chasteen of 1850 Tishomingo County.

Also, in Tunica County, the 1850 Mortality Schedules record the death of James Chastain there in April of 1850. James was a 22-year-old born in Alabama, thus a candidate as William's brother and a son born to Thomas and Nancy in the late 1820s. For some reason James is indexed for Tishomingo County.

So, it would seem, if these 1850 households are indeed Thomas's descendants, that Thomas and Nancy remained in Kentucky until about 1818 circa Jesse's birth, who variously



gave Kentucky and Alabama for a birthplace, and then migrated down through Tennessee, perhaps the same route of his older brother William Shasteen, but then on further south into Franklin County, Alabama, by 1820. If the James Chasteen who died 1850 in Tunica, Mississippi, was indeed Thomas and Nancy's son, then the family unit resided in Alabama until 1828, and then migrated to the Clark/Coles County area in Illinois, where they are residing at the time of the 1830 and 1840 Censuses.

If the next migration occurred as a family unit, it would appear that the move from Coles County, Illinois, to northern Mississippi occurred in 1842. Jessie was married in Illinois in November of 1841 with the last child of the group born in Illinois in 1841 and the first in Mississippi in 1842. Perhaps land transactions, if any remain, would shed light on an original settlement say in Tishomingo County or if the family dispersed as we have on the 1850 Census in several northern Mississippi counties.

Thomas could have died shortly after 1840 in the Clark/Coles, Illinois area prior to the dispersal of the family into north Mississippi but certainly could have led the migration south and died in Mississippi prior to 1845 when Nancy was related as the head of home for the state Census. Nancy Chastine has not been located in records past the Census of 1850.

#### **Census records for Thomas Shasteen household:**

1830; Census Place: Clark, Illinois; Page: 71, Thomas Shasteen household

- 1 male 1825-30 - Finley M. C.
- 1 male 1825-30 - (James?)
- 1 male 1820-25 - Thomas P
- 1 female 1820-25 - (Sina or unknown?)
- 1 male 1815-20 - William
- 1 male 1815-20 - Alexander
- 1 male 1815-20 - Jesse B
- 1 male 1810-15 - John C
- 1 female 1810-15- unknown
- 1 female 1790-00 - Nancy
- 1 male 1790-00 - Thomas

1840; Census Place: Coles, Illinois:

John Chasteen, Page 180, No Township Listed

- 1 male age 5 1835-40 George S. (1839)
- 1 male 20-30 1810-20 John C. (1815)
- 1 female 20-30 1810-20 Eliza Ann

Thos. Chastine, Page 186, Unknown Township

2 males 10-15 1825-30 - Finley & (James?) from '30

2 males 15-20 1820-25 - Thomas and William

1 male 20-30 1810-20 - Jesse (if Alexander is a son, he was married ~ 1835)

1 male 40-50 1790-00 - Thomas

1 female 5-10 1830-35 - new birth after 1830, unknown

1 female 15-20 1820-25 - female age 5-10 in 1830

1 female 40-50 1790-00 - Nancy

1845 Tishomingo County, Mississippi State Census, Page 22

Nancy Chasteen; 1 male and 3 females

1850; Census Place: Southern Division, Tishomingo, Mississippi; Page: 119B

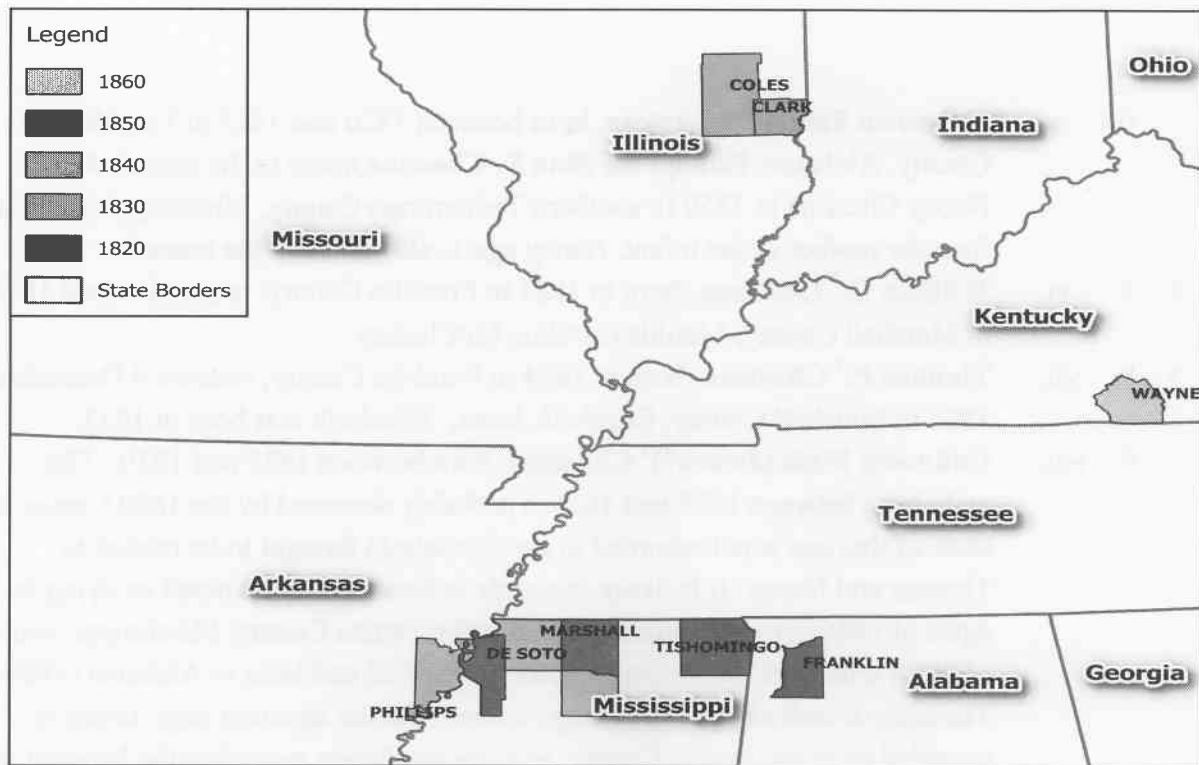
Nancy Chastine, age 59, female, \$160 real estate value, born Kentucky

Sina, age 24, female, born Alabama

Nancy N. A., age 1, female, born Mississippi

**Demographic/Vital information on the families demonstrating migration residences:**

	E. J. / Alexander	John	Jessie	William	Thomas II	James	Finley	Thomas I - Nancy
Births	KY 1815-20	KY 1815-20	KY 1818	AL 1821	AL 1824	AL 1828	IL 1830	
Marriages	IL 1833	IL 1837	IL 1841	MS 1845	MS 1856		MS 1850	KY 1813
Births of Children	IL 1837-1839 MS 1845-1848	IL 1839-41 MS 1843-48	IL 1842 MS 1845-49	MS 1846	MS 1850s		MS 1850s AR 1860s	KY 1815-20 AL 1820s IL 1830s
Census Locations	IL 1840 MS 1850	IL 1840 MS 1850	MS 1850-60	MS 1850 AR 1860	MS 1850 MS 1860	MS 1850	MS 1850 AR 1860	AL 1820 IL 1830-40 MS 1845-50



### Probable Children of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Shasteen/Chasteen:

- 2 i. **Unknown Female<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born between 1810 and 1815 probably in Wayne County. The female who is included on Census records for Thomas Shasteen in 1820 and 1830, and born probably around 1815, is not included in an age bracket on the 1840 Census. There are no marriage records in Illinois that are a match for this female, also, no single female of this age appears with any of her proposed siblings in latter Census records.
- + 3 ii. **John C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1815 in Wayne County; married 11 July 1837 in Coles County, Illinois, Eliza Ann Walton.
- + 4 iii. **Alexander or Elliot J.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born between 1815 and 1820 in Wayne County; married 31 October 1833 in Edgar County, Illinois, Aditha Davis.
- + 5 iv. **Jesse B.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1818 in Wayne County; died in Mississippi; married (1) 9 November 1841 in Coles County, Sebrina Ann "Cibby" Walton. Cibby was born about 1818, Virginia and died probably in Marshall County, Mississippi. Jesse married (2) Susan R. Embrey. Susan was born on 25 May 1839, DeSoto County, Mississippi.

- 6 v. **Unknown Female<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born between 1820 and 1825 in Franklin County, Alabama. Perhaps the **Sina E. Chastine** noted in the household of Nancy Chastine in 1850 in southern Tishomingo County, Mississippi. If so, is Sina the mother of the infant, Nancy age 1, also noted in the home?
- + 7 vi. **William C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1821 in Franklin County; married 3 June 1845 in Marshall County, Matilda Caroline McCluskey.
- + 8 vii. **Thomas P.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1824 in Franklin County; married 9 December 1856 in Marshall County, Elizabeth Jones. Elizabeth was born in 1835.
- 9 viii. **Unknown Male (James?)<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born between 1825 and 1830. The male born between 1825 and 1830 is probably deceased by the 1850 Census as male of this age is not recorded in any household thought to be related to Thomas and Nancy. It is likely this male is James Chastain noted as dying in April of 1850 per the mortality schedule for Tunica County, Mississippi, cause of death unknown. James was recorded as age 22 and born in Alabama (1828). The entry is indexed as Tishomingo County but the apparent page James is recorded on is for Tunica County, so some confusion regarding the location of his death. James would not appear to be a son of either Elijah or Joseph Carleton Chastain whose families were also noted in Tishomingo County in the 1850s but were not in Alabama in the late 1820s. The only other Chasteen in Tunica County in 1850 was William C. and it was one county to the west of Marshall where both John and Jesse resided. James could be the husband of Sina Chastine noted in Nancy Chasteen's home in 1850 with a possible infant daughter also named Nancy.
- + 10 ix. **Finley M. C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1829 probably in Clark County, Illinois; married (1) about 1850 in Mississippi, Nancy E. J. (?). Nancy was born in 1831 in Tennessee. Finley married (2) 28 July 1866 in Conway County, Arkansas, Frances "Fanny" Presley. Frances was born in 1842 and died between 1874 and 1880 in Arkansas.
- 11 x. **Unknown Female<sup>3</sup> Chasteen**, born between 1830 and 1835 in Clark County. Based on female noted in Thomas and Nancy's home in 1840. Probably a birth closer to 1830 since she is not identified with any family members post 1840.

*Second Generation (Children)*

3. **John C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1815 in Wayne County, Kentucky. He married on 11 July 1837 in Coles County, Illinois, Eliza Ann Walton. John and Eliza were residing in Coles County, Illinois for the 1840 Census. The family appears to have migrated with potential other siblings to north Mississippi in the 1840s. John's household is enumerated in 1850 in Marshall County, Mississippi. The household also included John's assumed brother, Thomas, a single man born about 1824 in Alabama. Either John C. or his son John W. could be the groom who wed Mrs. Mary Williams on 28 May 1858 in DeSoto County, Mississippi.

Descendant lineage sheets submitted to PCFA indicate a death date of 28 Mar 1896 in Marshall County, Mississippi yet the family doesn't appear in Census records there past 1850.

**Children of John and Eliza (Walton) Chasteen:**

- 12 i. **George S.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1839 in Coles County.
- 13 ii. **John W.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1841; married 14 May 1888 in DeSoto County, Mississippi, R. A. Sheppard.
- 14 iii. **Sarah J.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1843 in Marshall County, Mississippi.
- 15 iv. **Nancy A.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1848.

4. **Alexander or Elliot J.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born between 1815 and 1820 probably in Wayne County, Kentucky. He married on 31 October 1833 in Edgar County, Illinois, Aditha Davis.

The 1840 Census for Coles County, Illinois records the household of E. J. Chastein living in proximity to Thomas and John Shasteen. Edgar County, Illinois marriage records indicate that Elliot J. Chastain married or applied for license on 31 Oct 1833 to wed Aditha Davis. Since Aditha is not a commonly seen given name, it seems reasonable to assume that Aditha Chastine, the wife of Alexander in 1850 is the same person as Aditha Davis, that Alexander and Elliot J. are the same person. Alexander Chastine, recorded as a resident of southern Tishomingo County, Mississippi on the 1850 Federal Census appears to be the male born to Thomas and Nancy Jones Chasteen between 1815 and 1820 and noted in the age brackets for their home in 1830.

There doesn't appear to be any other record of an "Alexander" Chastain of his age or time frame, except this 1850 Census entry, perhaps the 1850 enumerator interpreted the pronunciation of his name, "Ellick or Aleck," as a nickname for Alexander or like his presumed brother Finley, he had multiple given names. The entirety of the family is not found past the 1850 Census with the possible of exception of son Samuel who might be the same person of 1870 Polk County, MO.

Year: 1840; Census Place: Coles, Illinois; Page: 173, E. J. Chastien household.

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29:	1
Persons Employed in Agriculture:	1
White Persons over 20 Can't Read and Write	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	3
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	2
Total Free White Persons:	5
Total - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves:	5

1850: Southern Division, Tishomingo, Mississippi Alexander Chastine household

Family Number: 728

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1815

Household Members:

Alexander Chastine 35 KY

Aditha Chastine 35 IN

Wm Chastine 13 IL

Septimus Chastine 11 IL

Granbeny J Chastine 7 IL

Benjamin Chastine 5 MS

Samuel Chastine 2 MS

**Children of Alexander and Aditha (Davis) Chasteen:**

- 16 i. **Unknown Female<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1835 in Illinois.
- 17 ii. **William<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1837.
- 18 iii. **Septimus<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1839.
- 19 iv. **Granberry J.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1843.
- 20 v. **Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1845 in Mississippi.
- + 21 vi. **Samuel<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1848; possibly the person of the same name who died between 1875 and 1879 in Polk County, Missouri; married there 7 February 1868, Susanna Steele.



5. **Jesse B.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1818 in Wayne County and died in Mississippi. He married (1) on 9 November 1841 in Coles County, Illinois Sebrina Ann "Cibby" Walton, who was born about 1818, Virginia and died in Marshall County, Mississippi. Jesse married (2) Susan R. Embrey, who was born on 25 May 1839, DeSoto County, Mississippi. Jesse appeared on the Census of 1850 in Marshall County but had relocated to Desoto County, Mississippi by 1860.

**Children of Jesse B. Chasteen and his first wife, Sebrina Ann "Cibby" Walton:**

- 22 i. **Thomas<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1842 in Coles County, Illinois; died between May 1862 and June 1862. Probably the same person who was an enlistee of the same military organization of Jesse B. Chasteen; the 17th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, Company I. It is probable that Thomas's uncle of the same name also served in this same unit. Confusing military service record packet has several enlistment dates and differing death dates but it can be assumed that both Thomas's perished during military service between May and June 1862, place unknown.
- 23 ii. **James A.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1845 in Marshall County.
- 24 iii. **John F.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1849.
- 25 iv. **Annie D.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1856 in DeSoto County, Mississippi.
- 26 v. **Merry J.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1859 in DeSoto County; married J. W. Bowden. 1880; Census Place: Beat 3, Tate, Mississippi; Roll: 665; Page: 247C

**Children of Jesse B. Chasteen and his second wife, Susan R. Embrey:**

- 27 vi. **Amanda P.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born 11 May 1865 in DeSoto County.
- + 28 vii. **Henry Brooks<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there 14 February 1867; died 17 January 1904 in White County, Arkansas; married 12 September 1897, Martha Ellen Yarbrough. Martha was born in July 1877, Arkansas and died in May 1939, White County.
- 29 viii. **Jason V.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born 7 September 1870 in DeSoto County.
- 30 ix. **William C.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born 16 September 1872 in Tate County, Mississippi.
- 31 x. **S. Ashley<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born there in 1874; married 4 June 1896, Mannie S. Joyner.
- 32 xi. **Art<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1880 in Tate County.

7. **William C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1821 probably in Franklin County, Alabama. He married on 3 June

1845 in Marshall County, Mississippi Matilda Caroline McCluskey. Also included in his home in 1850 were Mary Ann McCluskey (age 17 born in AL) probable sister to Matilda and Garrison Douglass (age 6 born in MS). Family noted in 1860 in Phillips County, Arkansas in Bear Creek Township. Residing next door is the family of F. M. C. (Finley) Chasteen born 1831 in Illinois.

W. C. Chasteen enlisted in Confederate service in Van Buren County, Arkansas. His age was recorded as 45, height of 5 foot and 8 inches, eyes hazel, hair black, complexion dark, born Alabama. William was paroled 5 Jun 1865 at Jacksonport, Arkansas. Matilda Caroline McCluskey was buried at Sidon Cemetery, White County, Arkansas.

#### **Child of William and Matilda (McCluskey) Chasteen:**

- + 33 i. **Mary Elizabeth C.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born 13 July 1846, Tunica County, Mississippi; died 7 April 1911, White County, Arkansas; buried at Sidon Cemetery; married (1) 18 January 1867, John Lewis Yancy. John was born on 12 October 1847, Giles County, Tennessee, and died on 14 August 1914, White County.

Possible relative and household resident of William and Matilda (McCluskey) Chasteen:

- 34 **James<sup>2</sup> Overstreet**, born in 1851 in Marshall County. James resided in 1860 in William Chasteen's household. Relationship to William or Matilda is unknown.

8. **Thomas P.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1824 probably in Franklin County, Alabama. He married on 9 December 1856 in Marshall County, Elizabeth Jones, who was born in 1835. In 1860 the family is residing in Lafayette County, Mississippi, recorded under the single name of Chisteen (it is indexed as Chister Goodwin, with Goodwin being the surname of the previous family). In the household is also Claiborne Jones, Betsy's father and a few of her apparent siblings. Both Thomas and Elizabeth, are presumed deceased by 1870 when the two sons are recorded in the homes of their maternal relatives.

Service records for Thomas Chasteen exist but are confusing with the possibility that the packet contains records of two men named Thomas Chasteen from the same geographical area who were in the same unit. Two enlistment dates are noted on separate sheets both for Company I, The Pettus Rifles, 17th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry.

It is clear that Jesse B. Chasteen of Cockrum, DeSoto County, Mississippi was a member of this same military unit and likely that the Thomas's recorded as soldiers with him are his brother Thomas and his son Thomas. Jesse enlisted 1 Jun 1861 in Corinth, Mississippi and the record also indicates that T. J. Chastiene signed papers the same day.

Two other muster rolls record T. A. Chasteene enlisting 27 Mar 1862 at Holly Springs, Mississippi who died in May, 1862. This seems to be the same person then recorded as Thos Chasteen, who enlisted 27 Mar 1862, age 18, single man, farmer, resident of Cockrum, Mississippi who died July 1862 (day not recorded) "in hospital." This record would appear to be for Jesse's son Thomas based on the age. The final notation in the service record is for T.A. Chastien who is recorded on a register of property of deceased Confederate soldiers, 20 May, 1862 given as day of death.

Did the copyists confuse two men and merge information from two persons into one? Since there are two enlistment dates, one early in 1861 and then one later in 1862, it does appear that there were two Thomas Chasteens in this same unit. It is reasonable to assume the Thomas "J" who enlisted in 1861 at the same time as Jesse was his brother with Jesse's son then enlisting a year later and at a place close to his residence, Holly Springs, Mississippi. This Thomas seemed to have A for a middle initial. But, if data was merged, it is difficult to ascertain the actual death date of either, both dying in May to July of 1862.

Thomas's two sons remained in North Mississippi the remainder of their lives, possibly not having any or very little contact with their Chasteen kin who remained to their north in the latter part of the 19th century. Both used the further corrupted spelling of Chesteen.

**Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jones) Chasteen, both married in Lafayette County, Mississippi unless otherwise noted:**

- + 35 i. **Daniel Jackson C. "Jack"<sup>4</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1858 in Marshall County; died 10 May 1938 in Etta, Union County, Mississippi; buried at Bethel Cemetery, Union County; married 26 December 1880, Janie M. Ruthledge.
- + 36 ii. **George Clayborn "Dee"<sup>4</sup> Chesteen**, born 19 December 1861 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died there 19 February 1948; buried at Sand Springs Cemetery, Pontotoc County; married (1) 22 August 1882, Matilda Alice Haney. Dee married (2) 29 November 1899 in Union County, Saily D. Williams. Saily was born about 1870 in Mississippi and died between 1900 and 1903 in Pontotoc County. Dee married (3) there in 1903, Martha Mae Whitehead.

10. **Finley M. C.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen), son of Thomas and Nancy (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1829 probably in Clark County, Illinois. He married (1) about 1850 in Mississippi, Nancy E. J, whose maiden name is unknown, she was born in 1831 in Tennessee. Finley married (2) on 28 July 1866 in Conway County, Arkansas, Frances "Fanny" Presley, who was born in 1842 and died between 1874 and 1880 in Arkansas. Finley is recorded in southern Tishomingo County, Mississippi for the 1850 Census, he was residing next door to the family of Alexander Chastine, his presumed brother, with the household of Nancy Chasteen, mother candidate, in the same district. Census records are consistent with a birth

circa 1830 and in Illinois. Finley's 1850 household is without children, he and Nancy probably married within the previous year.

In February of 1858 Finley was issued 40 acres of land from the Helena (Arkansas) Land Office and is recorded in the 1860 Census with a Jeffersonville post office, Bear Creek in Phillips County, Arkansas. Two apparent children, John T. and S. (Susan) L. are noted in the home with him and Nancy, both children born in Mississippi in the early 1850s. He is residing next door to his presumed brother William who had relocated to Arkansas in the 1850s.

Finley enlisted in Confederate service 9 May 1862 in Company C, 2nd Arkansas Infantry at Mariana, Arkansas as a resident of Phillips County. His service record does not indicate any injuries or hospitalizations. He was listed on a roll of prisoners of war in May, 1865 in Citronelle, Alabama and was paroled May 12, 1865 at Meridian, Mississippi.

Apparently Finley headed a little further west after the war. He married his second wife, Frances Presley, in July of 1866 in Conway County, Arkansas. The family unit was recorded in the 1870 Census in Conway County. Besides the daughter Susan of 1860 additional children residing in the home are James Presley age 10, Allis Chasteen age 8, and William Chasteen age 3. Allis would be a child of first wife Nancy and William by Frances. The eldest son, John T. is not recorded in the home. James Presley could be Fanny's son from a previous relationship or some other relative. The family was residing near to other Presley families, presumed relatives of Fanny.

Frances "Fanny" apparently died in the 1870s, she is not recorded in the home in 1880. Finley had moved back east during the 1870s and is residing in St. Francis County, Arkansas. Besides son William, two daughters born in the 1870s, apparently to Finley and Fanny, Nancy in 1872 and Lurone in 1874. Susan and Allis are removed from the household.

**Children of Finley M. C. Chasteen and first wife, Nancy E. J. (maiden name unknown):**

- 37 i. **John T.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1851 in Mississippi.
- 38 ii. **Susan L.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1853 in Mississippi.
- 39 iii. **Allis<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1862 in Arkansas.

**Children of Finley M. C. Chasteen and second wife,  
Frances "Fanny" Presley, all born in Arkansas:**

- 40 iv. **William H.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1867.
- 41 v. **Nancy Matilda<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1872.
- 42 vi. **Lurone R.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1874.

**Foster child of Finley M. C. Chasteen and relative of Frances "Fanny" Presley:**

- 43 **James<sup>2</sup> Presley**, born in 1860 in Arkansas.

*Third Generation (Grandchildren)*

21. **Samuel<sup>4</sup> Chasteen** (Alexander or Elliot J.<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen). *Possible son* of Alexander or Elliot J. and Aditha (Davis) Chasteen, was born in 1848 in Mississippi and died between 1875 and 1879 in Polk County, Missouri. He married there on 7 February 1868, Susanna Steele. Possibly the Samuel "Chesstine" who married Susanna Steele in Polk County, Missouri on 7 Feb 1868. Susanna's family had resided in nearby Tunica County, Mississippi in the 1850s. Susanna remarried 10 Oct 1886 to Benjamin Hadlock in Polk County.

**Children of Samuel and Susanna (Steele) Chasteen, both born in Polk County:**

- 44 i. **Rebecca<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1870. Rebecca J Chasteen married 18 Aug 1883 in Polk County, Joseph Z Lafever, her mother was listed as Susannah Chastine.
- 45 ii. **Tobitha<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born in 1874.

28. **Henry Brooks<sup>4</sup> Chasteen** (Jesse B.<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen), son of Jesse B. and Susan R. (Embrey) Chasteen, was born on 14 February 1867 in DeSoto County, Mississippi and died on 17 January 1904 in White County, Arkansas. He married on 12 September 1897, Martha Ellen Yarbrough, who was born in July 1877, Arkansas and died in May 1939, White County.

**Children of Henry and Martha (Yarbrough) Chasteen, both born and died in White County:**

- + 46 i. **Jesse Lee "Sam"<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born 10 July 1898; died 18 November 1980; married 15 December 1919 in Missouri, Nora Alta Wise. Nora was born on 21 March 1904, Harrison County, Missouri and died on 10 March 1964, White County, Missouri.
- + 47 ii. **Julian Sylvester<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born 23 February 1901; died 15 March 1973; married 21 February 1923, Neta Austin Cathey. Neta was born on 17 March 1903, White County and died there on 27 June 1983.

33. **Mary Elizabeth C.<sup>4</sup> Chasteen** (William C.<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen), daughter of William C. and Matilda Caroline (McCluskey) Chasteen, was born on 13 July 1846, Tunica County, Mississippi or she was born that day in Marshall County, Mississippi. She died on 7 April 1911, White County. She was buried at Sidon Cemetery, White County. She married (1) on 18 January 1867, John Lewis Yancy, who was born on 12 October 1847, Giles County, Tennessee and died on 14 August 1914, White County. Mary married (2) John Lewis Yancy.

**Child of Mary Elizabeth C. Chasteen and her first husband, John Lewis Yancy:**

- + 48 i. **Lewis Isaac<sup>5</sup> Yancy**, born 28 February 1886, White County; died there 8 November 1964; married 5 March 1905, Mary Catherine Martindill. Mary was born on 3 March 1883, Chester County, Tennessee and died on 7 May 1975, White County.

35. **Daniel Jackson C. "Jack"<sup>4</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas P.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen), son of Thomas P. and Elizabeth (Jones) Chasteen, was born in 1858 in Marshall County and died on 10 May 1938 in Etta, Union County, Mississippi. He was buried at Bethel Cemetery, Union County.

He married on 26 December 1880 in Lafayette County, Mississippi, Janie M. Ruthledge. Jack and Janie resided in and reared their family in Union County, Mississippi where they are enumerated in the federal Censuses from 1880 to 1930.

**Children of Jack and Janie (Ruthledge) Chasteen:**

- 49 i. **Susan J.<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born in February 1887 in Union County; married there 14 March 1900, W. H. Williams.
- 50 ii. **Lilly M.<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born there in May 1890.
- + 51 iii. **James J. "Jim"<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born in October 1893; married Susie.
- 52 iv. **Thomas A.<sup>5</sup> Chasteen**, born in February 1896.

36. **George Clayborn "Dee"<sup>4</sup> Chasteen** (Thomas P.<sup>3</sup> Chasteen, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Jesse<sup>1</sup> Shasteen/Chasteen), son of Thomas P. and Elizabeth (Jones) Chasteen, was born on 19 December 1861 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi and died there on 19 February 1948. He was buried at Sand Springs Cemetery, Pontotoc County.

He married (1) on 22 August 1882 in Lafayette County, Matilda Alice Haney. Dee married (2) on 29 November 1899 in Union County, Saily D. Williams, who was born about 1870 in Mississippi and died between 1900 and 1903 in Pontotoc County. Dee married (3) there in 1903, Martha Mae Whitehead.

George "Dee" was residing near to his brother in 1880 in Union County, Mississippi but by 1900 the family had relocated to Pontotoc County, Mississippi and between then and 1910 had moved to Lafayette County, Mississippi, where they apparently remained the remainder of their lives.

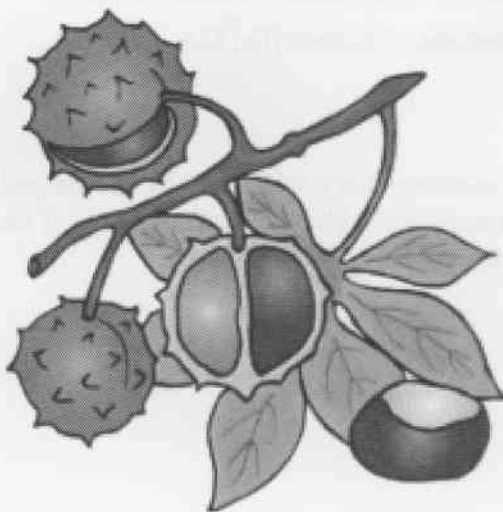


**Children of George Clayborn "Dee" Chesteen and his first wife, Matilda Alice Haney:**

- 53 i. **Lula E.<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1887 in Union County.
- 54 ii. **Susan Maude<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born there in 1889.
- 55 iii. **Dovie A.<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born there in 1891.
- 56 iv. **Conlee M. T.<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born there in 1893.
- 57 v. **Bertha<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1896 in Pontotoc County.
- 58 vi. **Johnny George<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born there in 1898.

**Children of George Clayborn "Dee" Chesteen and third wife, Martha Mae Whitehead, all born in Pontotoc County:**

- 59 vii. **Alonzo Lonnie Clayton<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1905.
- 60 viii. **Soonie<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1907.
- 61 ix. **Vinnie<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1908.
- 62 x. **Mattie Mae<sup>5</sup> Chesteen**, born in 1911.





## Member Report

by Carol Migdat

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### *New Members*

Welcome to all our new members. The new year has brought us several new “cousins” and we’re hoping for a chance to get better acquainted.

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- Amanda Burns, Lufkin, TX
- Vicki Hutcheson, Rogersville, MO
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- Marsha Marie Best, Westville, FL
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- Lauren Stephens-Tomlinson, Greenville, SC
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# The Pierre Chastain Family Association

In 1975, Elby F. Bowman sent invitations to fellow Chastain researchers to attend a "conference" on the interests of further research and the coordination of these efforts into a society or association. A group of interested parties met on August 31, 1975, at Dyer, Arkansas, and the Pierre Chastain Family Association was born! The following were charter members from this organizational meeting.

**Lucille Anderson**  
Kiefer, Oklahoma

**Thelma Cavin**  
Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma

**Thomas V. Creekmore**  
Silsbee, Texas

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The organization was founded with J. E. Chastain as President, Thomas V. Creekmore as First Vice President, Lucille C. Anderson as Second Vice President, Geraldine Buland as Secretary-Treasurer, and Elby Bowman as Genealogist.

The first issue of the association's newsletter, *The Chestnut Tree*, was released to the membership in January of 1976. Volume One, Number One of *The Chestnut Tree* was a total of four pages, hand-typed, photocopied, and one-sided. By the release of this first issue, the membership had grown to 42 members.

Today, the Pierre Chastain Family Association has approximately 220 members. There is also an extensive computer database, maintained by the association's genealogist, which contains information submitted by the membership in their research, as well as numerous Census, legal, Bible, and other records documenting the lineages of Chastain descendants, sometimes covering 12 or more generations.

The present membership, and all interested in Chastain and related family history, are very grateful for the efforts of these founding members. These efforts have culminated in great documentation that allows almost instant lineage verification. These efforts have placed this material in print, in volumes such as *Pierre Chastain and His Descendants*, for generations to come. We thank you!

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