

THE HISTORY OF THE MACK McKEY FAMILY  
Offsprings: Cooper - Fields

Mack McKey was an Irish slave-owner. He had four children by his Negro slave mistress; two boys, and two girls. Minerva McKey, the oldest; Amanda McKey; second child, Mack McKey, and Willie McKey. Mack McKey was named for their father. There is no record or information known about their mother, other than the fact that she was a Negro slave. The Children were born on a plantation in Louisiana.

It was said that Mack McKey left money in the Canal Street Bank in New Orleans, Louisiana for these children. No one knows what happened to the money.

During slavery, the Master saw that his children mothered by his slave mistress, were taught to read and write. The oldest of these children, Minerva, would sometimes relate this incident: The slave master, her father would tell her to go into the woods and count the rails that the slaves had split. She would return to tell her father the number of rails split. If the Master felt that the slaves had not split enough rails, they would be punished. Minerva was not aware of the role she played in the punishment of the slaves.

During the time of slavery, these two girls, Minerva and Amanda would help their mother in preparation of meals for the Master and the family. After slavery, the two boys, Willie and Mark relocated and it is unknown where they settled. The two girls, Minerva and Amanda were very close, and Minerva would help to take care of Amanda, her sister, because she was ten years older. The two girls migrated to East Texas (Harrison County). Minerva met and married Henderson Cooper, who deceased at an early age. His family background is unknown. It is known that He was a Minister and a farmer. To this union ten children were born. Five boys; Ennis, John, William (deceased early), Jim, and Fred Cooper; Five girls; Julia, Ophelia, Laura (deceased early), Martha Ann, and Alberta Cooper.

Enis Cooper Married Bertha (maiden name unknown) Cooper. Bertha deceased at an early age. It is said that Ennis fathered a child (girl) that we are seeking to find. Ennis Cooper married again and had a son whose initials are E. C. Cooper.

John Cooper, Sr. married Sue Willie Ownes, of Ca-sha-tta, Louisiana. To that union ten children were born; six boys and four girls (one girl deceased in infancy). The name of the boys are as follows, John Cooper, Jr., Triplet brothers; O.C., Ennis, Olden, Henderson (named after Grand father), Thomas Jefferson Cooper. The name of the girls are as follows, Myrtle Ophelia, Naomi, Willie Elizabeth Cooper.

Jim Cooper married Mattie Lou Davis. To this union two children were born, one boy and one girl whose names are William Cooper and Sarah Cooper, both deceased.

Fred Cooper married Hattie Turner, there were children born, but their where about is not known.

Julia married William Moore. To this union two girls were born, Lena and Claudia Moore. Both of these girls are deceased. Claudia had one daughter, Julia Cope of Philadelphia, Penn.

Ophelia married Moses Wells. To this union four children were born; two boys and two girls. One girl deceased at an early age. The boys; Carlton and Roscoe Wells. The girls, Vera Mae Wells Johnson, and Claudia V. Wells (deceased as a child).

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Alberta married Victor Hodge. To this union two children were born; one boy, Victor Jr. and one girl, Bernice Ophelia.

Amanda McKey, The Sister of Minerva McKey, married Tom Fields. To this union five children were born; four girls and one boy. The name of the children are as follows: Victoria, Jennette, Maggie, Annabelle and Bluford Fields the boy. Maggie Fields, the daughter of Amanda, married Charlie Buffin. To this union seven girls and one boy were born. The name of the children are as follows: Willie, Annabelle, Maggie, Gertrude, Peggy, Flora, Amanda and James Buffin, the boy.

Jennette Fields married Richard Dudley. To this union three Children were born, two girls and one boy. The name of the children are as follows: Amanda, (other girl's name unknown), and Richard Dudley.

Annabelle Fields married Authur Thomas, no children were born.

Bluford Fields married Gertrude (?), no children were born.

Victoria Fields married Tony Holland. To that union two boys and two girls were born. The name of the children are as follows: William, Tony, Luella and Mildred Holland.

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