

THE HOUSE OF HOWELL

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Beginning with the family of John Johnson and Elmira Howell.

Their children are six in number. The boys are John, McKenny, Alonzo, and William Johnson. The girls are Burmah Howell Hilsman, Austria Howell Mapp, and Havilla (Villa) Howell Mapp.

McKenny, Sr., was the father of John Johnson and Mathew Cavanaugh Howell. He had three brothers, Mathew, Joseph, and William. McKenny, the father of John J. and Mathew C. married Mary Johnson.

John J. Howell married Elmira McBride in 1832.

Mathew C. married Sarah Simonton a short time before this. Sarah Simonton had three sisters, - Margaret Alfriend who married Ben Alfriend, - Isabella Pruden, and Jane Simonton, who died in her youth. Mrs. Isabella Simonton Pruden is the mother of Mrs. Louise Hunt of Eatonton, Mrs. Ezell of Eatonton and Miss Sallie Pruden of Eatonton.

John Johnson Howell married Elmira McBride when she was sixteen. She was reared in Milledgeville, and Eatonton, Georgia.

McKenny Howell, father of John J. and Mathew C. had three brothers, Joseph, Mathew, and William. Mathew was a bachelor - Joseph was married twice and had three children, Isaac, Abram, and Nancy. - Abram married Permelia (Probably Pamela) Denham - Isaac married a Miss Davis of Greensboro, Greene County, Georgia. She was a sister of Alfred Davis, Mrs. Thomas Stocks, and Mrs. Bowen who was a missionary to Africa. This family were prominent citizens of Greene County and their names will be handed down through succeeding generations. Abram inherited fine property from his bachelor uncle Mathew, who also gave John J. a fine looking colored man, a carpenter named Dick - Nancy Howell married Cleve Nelms. Her children were Rebecca, Milner, Martha Alexander, Nettie Nicholson, and James, who married Minerva Hilsman. Isaac, who married Miss Davis, had two sons, Thaddeus and Leonidas. As William, the other brother left Georgia, we have lost sight of his family, except that he had a daughter said to be a very handsome woman.

We have not been able to learn the name of the father of this family of four brothers, McKenny, Joseph, Mathew, and William, but their mother's name was Temperance Cavanaugh, or Kavenaugh.

John Johnson and Elizabeth Ashefeldt were the parents of Mary Johnson, who married McKenny Howell, who was the mother of John J. and Mathew C Howell, Her brothers and sisters were: John, Frederick, Silas, William, Samuel, and Ashefeldt. Her sisters were: Mrs. Parker (her given name forgotten), Susan Slaughter, and Elizabeth (Betsey) Cain. Elizabeth Johnson Ashfeldt had a sister who married a Hill, the first time; her second husband was a Mr. Yaunt, who took charge of her property and left the country. Mrs. Yaunt lived to be very old, became blind and lost her reason, but she was taken by her nephew Sammy and cared for like an infant.

William Johnson married Cynthia Sheppard, who was first cousin to Elizabeth Veazey and was of near relation to the Rhodes family. These old people lived in Taliaferro County, Georgia, for years and were noted for their charity, having no children of their own, they gave a number of children home at different times. No one who became homeless suffered for a home when these good people found it out. "Aunt Cynthia" could not eat or sleep until the homeless ones had accepted ~~the~~ shelter within her own home.

Mathew C. Howell, brother of John J. died at about 20 (she probably meant 29 years) years of age, and left two children, Samuel Armstrong and Mary Jane. Samuel A. married Georgia Ann Eley; Mary Jane married Dr. Isaac D. Moore. Samuel left three children, sons: Eley, William, and Albert; the only daughter died when four or five years old. Mary Jane Moore died young, leaving one son, Mathew, and three daughters; Sarah (Sallie), Claude, and Amie. Elmira McBride 1883 Howell was born in 1816 and died in 1883. Her mother was, before her several marriages, Elizabeth Veazey, whose mother was Delilah Rhodes. Delilah Rhodes' mother was a Clayboon, and her mother a Sutherland or Southerland, daughter of John Sutherland, who came over from England many years ago.