

James M. and Sarah Moore Reynolds - Early Settlers of Moreland in Coweta County, Georgia

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My known ancestor, Wilson Lionel Reynolds was b.ca 1831 in Wilkes Co., Georgia. A book lists his parents as James M. and Sarah Moore Reynolds, early settlers of Moreland Ga. in Coweta Co., Ga. James' father is listed as Spencer Reynolds b. ca 1760, Va. Elizabeth Tomlin's parents Jason and Elizabeth Tomlin are also listed as early settlers. Elizabeth b.1836 d.1889 was involved in starting a church with Jemima Reynolds in Moreland in 1844. A family connection to Jemima and Garland Reynolds is yet to be found but is suspected. After their marriage, the family moved to Ar. about 1856 according to census records of birthplaces of children and a church dedication to Elizabeth after her death.

Wilson bought land in Columbia Co., Ar in May 1859. While in Ar., Wilson enlisted in the confederate army of Ar. 33 Infantry. He enlisted as a corporal but was discharged in 1863 with a disability. (RENOLDS, WILSON L. Cpl - Age 31. Enl 20 Jun 1862 at Magnolia, AR. Discharged for disability 6 Dec 1863 at Camp Bragg, AR.) Wilson apparently died of disease and was buried in Columbia Co., Ar. Elizabeth traveled back to Coweta Co. Ga. by wagon with her children soon thereafter. Elizabeth is listed as a widow and head of household in 1870 with her children living adjacent to her parents.

The 1870 census shows 5 children: Terry Jackson (my great grandfather)b.1855 d. 1945, Susan b.1857, Mary b. 1861, Martha (Mollie) b. 1862, Sarah (Sallie) b. 1866. D.1932 as Sallie Shugart.

Elizabeth died 24 July, 1889 and a moving tribute to her was published in The Herald and Advertiser on 10/18/1889.