

# Research Plan

**Research Goal:** Identify father of Howard Reynolds of Hancock County, Georgia

## Overview:

Known data suggest that Howard Reynolds lived in Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia for the majority of his youth. He married Jennie Lucky on 29 Dec 1880 in Hancock County, Georgia, however due to the age of the records no full application to that marriage could be found nor were there any witnesses notated on that record.

## Suggested Records:

1. Census Records
2. Freedmen's Bureau Records
3. Georgia Death Records

## Methodology:

- Conduct preliminary research in surviving records, starting with the 1870 U.S. Census in Hancock County, Georgia
- Individuals to be included: Howard Reynolds
- As each source is used, watch for a mention of Howard Reynolds or Howie Reynolds

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**DATE:** September 18, 2019

**TO:** B. S.

**SUBJECT:** Howard Reynolds of Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia

## BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Howard Reynolds was born about 1858 in Hancock County, Georgia. At the age of 20, he married Jennie Lucky in Hancock County, Georgia on 29 Dec 1880.<sup>1</sup> Over the course of 25 years, their union produces 10 children<sup>23</sup>

**OBJECTIVE:** Identify the father of Howard Reynolds of Hancock County, Georgia

**LIMITATIONS:** Client authorized ten hours of research and report writing.

## REPOSITORIES:

1. Ancestry.com
2. FamilySearch.org
3. Hancock County, Georgia Probate Courthouse

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<sup>1</sup>Hancock County, Georgia, Marriage Records, 1880-1881, 29 Dec 1880, page 133, Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978, digital image; *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : Accessed 11 Sep 2019)

<sup>2</sup> 1880 U. S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 48, page 16D (written), dwelling number 158,, family number 158, Howard Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

<sup>3</sup> 1900 U. S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 20 , page 18A (written), dwelling number 249, family number 249, Howard Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

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## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS:

Howard Reynolds is the son of Isaiah Reynolds and Narcissa . We can infer this due to the credible information provided on the 1870 & 1880 census' where he is enumerated in Hancock County. Additional Information can be found confirming Isaiah Reynolds is the father of his other siblings based off their death certificates in Ohio and Georgia. See the Detailed Research Notes section for details on sources, citations, and analysis. See the Attachments for copies of key documents.

The following record supports the identification of Isaiah Reynolds as the father of Howard Reynolds:

- 1870 U.S. Census
- 1880 U.S. Census

Detailed Research Notes begin on the next page.

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## DETAILED RESEARCH NOTES:

**1870 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia - Isaac Reynolds Household (See Image #1)**

Citation: 1870 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 117, page 203-204, dwelling 1702, family 1705, Isaac Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 16 September 2019)

| Name            | Age | Sex | Occupation   | Birthplace |
|-----------------|-----|-----|--------------|------------|
| Reynolds, Isaac | 45  | M   | Farm Laborer | Maryland   |
| Narcissa        | 40  | F   | Keeping Home | Georgia    |
| Lucy            | 18  | F   | Farm Laborer | "          |
| Holland         | 16  | M   | Farm Laborer | "          |
| Ichabod         | 14  | M   | Farm Laborer | "          |
| Howard          | 12  | M   | Farm Laborer | "          |
| John            | 10  | M   | Farm Laborer | "          |
| William         | 6   | M   | At Home      | "          |
| Sarah           | 4   | F   | "            | "          |
| Jesse           | 1   | M   | "            | "          |
| Jonas           | 1   | M   | "            | "          |

### Analysis:

Based off of other records we have with Howard and Jennie, we can estimate his birth date around 1865.<sup>4</sup> The following record indicates his birth around 1858. Census records are notorious for having distorted birthdays because the older an individual got in age the less they could actually remember when they were born. This is a strong lead because the names of children repeat in Howard's own

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<sup>4</sup> 1900 U. S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 20 , page 18A (written), dwelling number 249, family number 249, Howard Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

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immediate family with Jennie Lucky. This is a tradition in many families to pass down the names of children from generation to generation. The location of tHoward at this time is also paramount because it shows consistency in his residence near Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia.

### 1880 U. S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia - Isaiah Reynolds Household (See Image #2)

Citation: 1880 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 48, page (written) 16D, dwelling 155, family 155, Isaiah Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : 16 September 2019)

| Name             | Sex | Age | Occupation   | Relationship<br>To<br>Head<br>of<br>Household | Birthplace        |
|------------------|-----|-----|--------------|---|-------------------|
|                  |     |     |              |   |                   |
| Reynolds, Isaiah | M   | 50  | Farmer       | Self  | South<br>Carolina |
| Kizzie           | F   | 40  | Farm Laborer | Wife  | Georgia           |
| Howard           | M   | 19  | "            | Son   | "                 |
| Isaiah           | M   | 21  | "            | "   | "                 |
| William          | M   | 15  | "            | "   | "                 |
| Jesse            | M   | 12  | "            | "   | "                 |
| Sarah            | F   | 11  | "            | Daughter                                      | "                 |
| James            | M   | 10  | At Home      | Son   | "                 |
| Milly            | F   | 7   | "            | Daughter                                      | "                 |
| Frank            | M   | 6   | "            | Son   | "                 |
| Fannie           | F   | 4   | "            | Daughter                                      | "                 |
| Jonas            | M   | 10  | "            | Grandson                                      | "                 |
| Joseph           | M   | 2   | "            | Son   | "                 |

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**Analysis:** The afore transcribed census magnifies the inconsistencies off birth dates, places, and even names. Fortunately we see Howard in the household, but not the age he should have been after 10 years. We can infer this is the correct family due to the same members of the family in the correct location at the time. Notice, Isaac's name has changed to Isaiah, and Narcissa to Kizzie. This is an indication that emancipation led them to change their names or perhaps their names were not taken correctly on the 1870 census.

**1880 United States Census, Hancock County, Georgia - Howard Reynolds Household (See Image #2)**

Citation: 1880 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 48, page (written) 16D, dwelling 158, family 158, Howard Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : 16 September 2019)

| Dwelling # | Family # | Name             | Sex | Age | Occupation     | Relationship To Head of Household | Birthplace |
|------------|----------|------------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|            |          |                  |     |     |                |                                   |            |
| 158        | 158      | Reynolds, Howard | M   | 18  | Farmer Laborer | Self                              | Georgia    |
|            |          | Isaac            | M   | 19  | "              | Brother                           | "          |
| 159        | 159      | Daniel, Richard  | M   | 40  | "              | Self                              | "          |
|            |          | Jane             | F   | 35  | "              | Wife                              | "          |
|            |          | Lucky, Jennie    | F   | 25  | "              | Niece                             | "          |

**Analysis:** Very rarely I find that a person could be enumerated on the census twice and on the same page, if you view image #2 , you'll see that Howard and his brother is listed in both his father's household as well as his own. We also have strong confirmation that his is the correct Howard because living next door is Jennie Lucky in the accompaniment of her uncle and aunt. Remember, Howard and

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Jennie were not married until 29 Dec 1880.<sup>5</sup> This census was recorded on 9 June 1880, therefore it would make sense for them to be living in two separate households.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

All research performed was exhaustive. To solidly confirm Isaiah/Isaac Reynolds is the biological father of Howard Reynolds, a DNA test would be required. See “recommended further research” for next targets if contracted for further research.

### RECOMMENDED FURTHER RESEARCH:

1. Check land records in Hancock County, Georgia for original owners and ties to emancipation
2. Look at property records for Isaiah/Isaac Reynolds in Hancock County, Georgia
3. See Freedmen's Bureau Report of Person's Hired

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<sup>5</sup> Hancock County, Georgia, Marriage Records, 1880-1881, 29 Dec 1880, page 133, Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978, digital image; *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : Accessed 11 Sep 2019)

<sup>6</sup> 1880 U.S. Census, Hancock County, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 48, page (written) 16D, dwelling 158, family 158, Howard Reynolds Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : 16 September 2019)



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## 1880 U. S. Census Hancock County, Georgia, Reynolds' Households<sup>7</sup>

D. [7-2196.]

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. 2  
 Enumeration Dist. No. 48

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.  
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.  
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in 158 to 160 Sub. Hdw. No. 48 in the County of Hancock, State of Ga.  
 enumerated by me on the 9th day of June, 1880. J. S. Lawrence

| Family No. | Name              | Sex | Age | Color | Marital Status | Profession, Occupation, or Trade | Health |        | Education |        | Native |        |
|------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
|            |                   |     |     |       |                |                                  | Male   | Female | Years     | Months | Years  | Months |
| 158        | Carr, William     | M   | 32  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Mary              | F   | 28  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 11  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | John              | M   | 1   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 159        | Mitchell, Jack    | M   | 8   | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Elizabeth         | F   | 24  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Oliver            | M   | 29  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Lena              | F   | 9   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Ally              | F   | 7   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Henry             | M   | 4   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 1   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 160        | Reynolds, Rebecca | F   | 34  | W     | Keeps house    |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Elizabeth         | F   | 30  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | William           | M   | 7   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Henry             | M   | 6   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Colford           | M   | 3   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Robert            | M   | 2   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 161        | Walter, William   | M   | 23  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Maria             | F   | 16  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 4   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Henry             | M   | 3   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Walter            | M   | 2   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Caroline          | F   | 1   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 162        | Reynolds, George  | M   | 40  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Rebecca           | F   | 40  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 18  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Samuel            | M   | 21  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | William           | M   | 13  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | George            | M   | 12  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Samuel            | M   | 11  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 10  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | William           | M   | 7   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Samuel            | M   | 6   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Fannie            | F   | 4   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 10  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Joseph            | M   | 2   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 163        | Howard, William   | M   | 26  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Rebecca           | F   | 25  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Samuel            | M   | 1   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 164        | Salmon, Henry     | M   | 14  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 165        | Henry, Nathan     | M   | 18  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | Fannie            | F   | 6   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 5   | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 166        | Reynolds, Edward  | M   | 16  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 11  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 167        | Daniel, Edward    | M   | 40  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
|            | James             | M   | 30  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 168        | Lecky, Henry      | M   | 23  | W     |                |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |
| 169        | Roberts, Columbia | F   | 52  | W     | Farmer         |                                  |        |        |           |        |        |        |

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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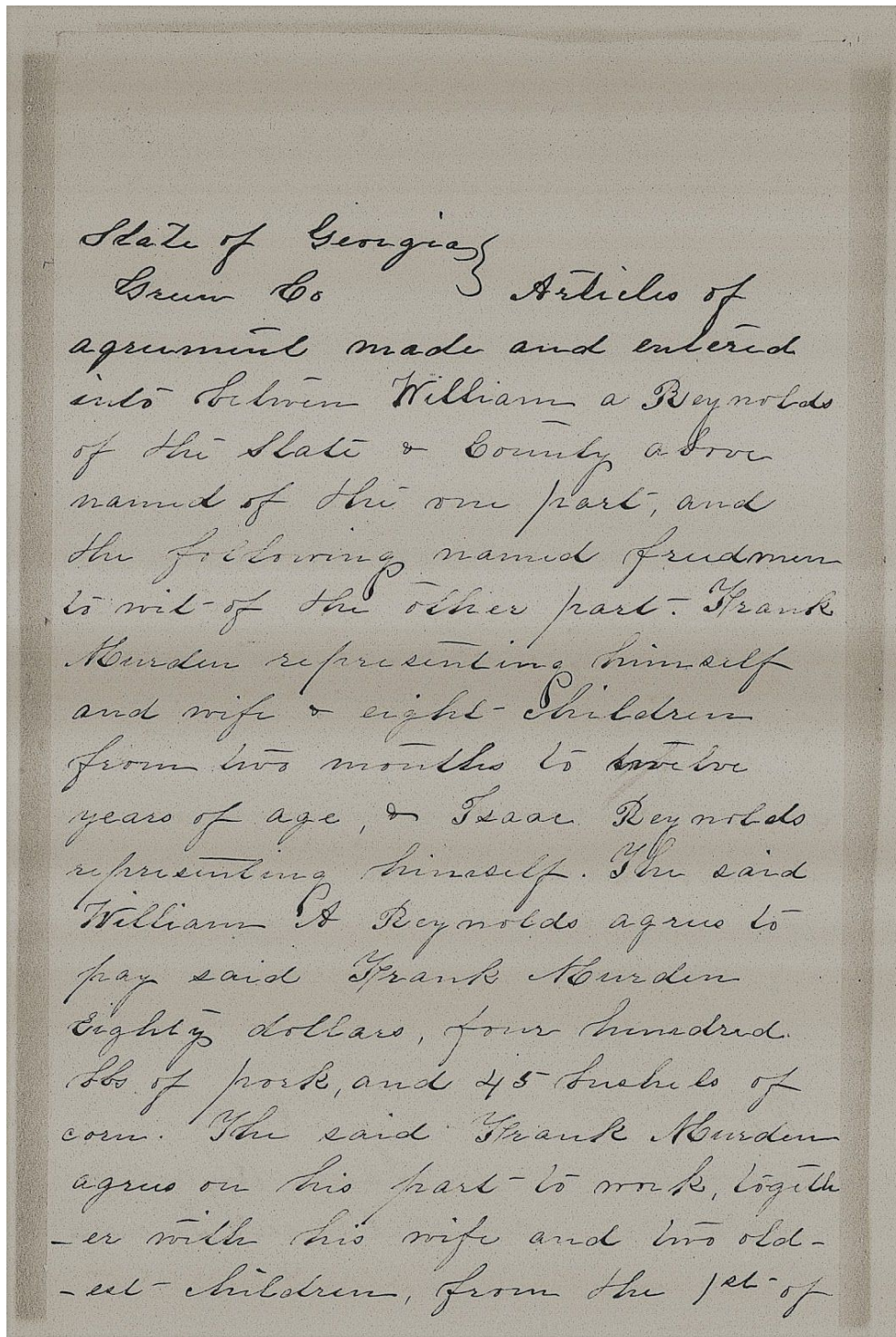
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**SNEAK PEAK:** This section is used for documents I found that may be of some interest to you. I would use this as a starting point for continued research and analysis.

This document is a letter of contractual obligation from William A. Reynolds of Greene County, Georgia to Isaac Reynolds agreeing to pay him sixty dollars and furnish him with one acre of land. This is not unlikely because Greene County, Georgia borders Hancock County, Georgia

Recorded: 25 Dec 1868



State of Georgia  
Green Co } Articles of  
agreement made and entered  
into between William A Reynolds  
of the State & County above  
named of the one part, and  
the following named freedmen  
to wit of the other part: Frank  
Burden representing himself  
and wife & eight children  
from two months to twelve  
years of age, & Isaac Reynolds  
representing himself. The said  
William A Reynolds agree to  
pay said Frank Burden  
eighty dollars, four hundred  
lbs of pork, and 45 bushels of  
corn. The said Frank Burden  
agrees on his part to work, togeth-  
er with his wife and two old-  
est children, from the 1st of



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I am to the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1868.  
The said Frank Hardin agrees  
on his part, to perform all work  
required of himself and fam-  
ily by the said William A  
Reynolds. The said Reynolds  
to furnish quarters & fuel.

The said William Reynolds  
agrees to pay Isaac Reynolds  
Eighty dollars, and rations for  
himself. The said Isaac agrees  
to perform all labor required  
of him by said William A  
Reynolds. The above named  
parties to pay their own  
medical bills in all cases.

In testimony whereof we  
have set our hands, and affix-  
ed our seals.

P.S. The said William A. Reynolds  
agrees to furnish Isaac Reynolds  
with one acre of land & Firewood.  
Isaac with one acre & a half  
land.

W. B. King  
C. C. King.

W. A. Reynolds L  
Frank Hardin L  
Isaac Reynolds L  
mark