



SAMUEL CLARK

There were at least two sets of Clarks in Jacksonville, Telfair County, Georgia. **1)** Ned Clark's family, in which I am descended on my paternal side; and **2)** Samuel Clark's family, in which I am descended on my maternal side. Based on my research, the two Clark families although both originating in Virginia were not originally related by blood. The two families co-mingled through marriage.

Samuel Clark was born in Virginia circa 1805 and was owned by a white slaveowner/planter/preacher by the name of Archibald Clark, a Methodist minister. Archibald Clark moved to North Georgia when his wife became ill hoping that the warmer weather would help her to have better health. Archibald brought his slaves with him. In the late part of the Civil War, Archibald with his family and slaves moved further south in Georgia to Telfair County. Samuel Clark, his wife Mariah, and their son John Thomas Clark were the slaves of Archibald Clark and his son Reverend Archibald Clark, Jr. that he brought with him together with other slaves from Virginia. That is how this specific set of black Clarks came to Telfair County, Georgia – as slaves.

Samuel Clark, Sr. and his wife Mariah had five known children of record as follows:

1. **Harrison Clark (1850 -1933) Born in Virginia (Mulatto)**

- a. Wife – Julie A. Hill
- b. Children – Tomie; Mattie; Annie; Sophia; Edward; and Ider.

Harrison Clark died on January 27, 1933, from Senility, Chronic Nephritis, and Dropsy at age 83. Harrison Was also a soldier in the Civil War and served in Unit 1 34 NY Infantry. His wife Julie filed for her Civil War Pension on November 6, 1871.

2. **Virginia (Jennie) Clark (1852-1932) Born in Virginia**

- a. Husband – Henry Lee McMillan
- b. Children – Henry, Jr.; Spurgeon; Ira; and Perry

Virginia (Jennie) Clark-McMillan died on December 30, 1932, in Mcrae, Georgia from Stroke. Her husband Henry served as a soldier in the Civil War in Unit A33 USC Infantry. Jennie filed for her Civil War Pension on April 7, 1923.

3. **John Thomas Clark (1857-1932) Born in Virginia (Mulatto)**

- a. Wife – Annie Wilcox (Mulatto)
- b. Children – Mary; Caroline (aka Carrie); Enoch; Solomon; Nat; Peter T.; Charlotte; Lottie;

and Ranie. John Thomas Clark died on May 26, 1932, in Jacksonville, Georgia from Cerebral Hemorrhage at the age of 82.

4. **Sharlett Clark (1863)** There are no additional records of Sharlett after the 1870 Census when she was 7 years old. I must assume that Sharlett died as a youth; however, my search to find Sharlett will continue.

5. **Samuel Clark, Jr. (1865)** There are no additional records of Samuel Clark, Jr. after the 1880 Census when Sam was 16 years old. My search for Samuel, Jr. will continue.

There could possibly be more children born of the union between Sam and Mariah however these are all that I could locate on the record. If you are aware of more children, please contact me with a source so that I can make the change.

Samuel Clark, Sr. died around the age of 76 in Telfair County, Georgia in September 1879 from Malarial Fever.

<p>**More detailed information about the history of the Samuel Clark family can be found in the book currently being finalized by author Gwen Clark titled <u>What's My Name?</u></p>
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