

DONALD – WARE REUNION, INC.

Donald – Ware Reunion, Inc. was incorporated to more efficiently manage the reunion business, limit liability, and to ensure sure the longevity of our family reunions. Our mission and vision “*to serve as a not-for-profit organization celebrating the rich history and legacy of the Donald – Ware Family while supporting educational excellence and career achievement. We accomplish the latter through our bi-annual reunion and by supporting scholarship opportunities for family members and other hardworking young people in our community.*”

Board consist of five people who serve until such time as their successor is duly elected and qualified as stated in the bylaws. The Corporation has been formed under Florida Law effective March 16, 2016. It receives legal advice and counsel from Legal Zoom, Inc. Incorporation documents are listed below and enclosed in this notebook review. Electronic copies may be requested on-line at the Reunion web site, www.donald-warereunion.com.

- Bylaws
- Action of Written Consent
- Articles of Incorporation
- Certificates of Membership
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Minutes of June 19, 2016 Board Meeting

*ADDITIONAL INFO PROVIDED
ON REQUEST TO FAMILY
MEMBERS. CONTACT LINK ON
WEBPAGE"

Donald-Ware Family History

The journey of the Donald family as we know it; began around 1815 in North Carolina. **Abraham Donnell** (Donald) who is suspected: to have been enslaved on a plantation in Guilford County owned by Ervin Donnell in 1840. Abraham is the first member that I have been able to document as part of the Donald family. His wife, **Milly** is believed to have been born in 1825.

He and His wife moved to Alabama suspected: Dale County in the 1840's and began a family. Their first child **Willis Donald** was born 1847. Their other children: **Thomas, Mary, Lucy** and **Abraham** were born in Alabama. **Simon** was born in Louisiana and **Joanna** was born in Mississippi.

Abraham Donnell is only listed by name in the 1870 census as slaves were not listed by name in earlier censuses. He is believed to have been the first black minister to preach in Newton County Mississippi at a church called Bethel Baptist founded in 1839 and the founder of Altare Missionary Baptist Church, the oldest black church in Newton County. He is credited with organizing greater than twenty churches in the surrounding area.

Abraham's oldest son, **Willis** was also a Baptist preacher and pastored Altare M B Church is also believed to have been a founding member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Newton MS. He was also a farmer and was believed to have once owned nearly 300 acres of land. He is believed to have died around 1919. He was married to **Laura, Nora** and **Mattie** and had fourteen children.

Willis oldest son was **David**; He also was a Baptist Preacher and pastored Altare M B Church and was a 2nd generation member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He married **Lula Sharp** and twelve children were born to this union.

John, the fourth son and the seventh child of Willis Donald was married to **Addie Ware** and to this union six children were born: **Richard Willis, Laura Beatrice, John Lee, Levie Mae, Cleveland, and Catherine**. John was a member of St. John MB Church and Addie was a member of Union Chapel Methodist Church Lawrence MS. The cemetery of Union Chapel is their final resting place. John and Addie had twenty-seven grandchildren.

Callier Ware was born in 1837 in Sharon MS, Madison County is the first Ware I have been able to identify as our first family member of the **Ware** family. He was married to **Laura Johnson** and to this union there were two children born: **Richard D** and **Leanna**. He was a Civil War Veteran and his spouse applied for a veteran pension in 1901.

Richard D Ware married **Laura** in 1888 and six children were born to this union: **Arthur, Horrace, R D, Addie, Ruby, and Lettie**. **Horrace** was a Veteran of WWI and is resting in Union Chapel Cemetery.

The three sons of **John** and **Addie**: **Richard, John and Cleveland** were combat Veterans of WWII.

The 5th Generation in which I am a proud member continues to ride the roads paved by those who have come before us and we hope to inspire those who have come after us to continue the Great Legacy of our fore parents.

Theron Evans Jr.MD great-great grandson

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Abraham Donnell (Donald)-1815 + Milly-1825

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Willis, Thomas, Mary, Lucy, Simon, Abraham, Joanna

Willis + Laura

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Rheobeth, **David**, Handy, Ezekiel, Louisa, Bessie, **John**, James, Laura

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Willis + Nora

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Cordelia, Rosa, Thomas

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Willis + Mattie

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Sarah, Ruth

David + Lula

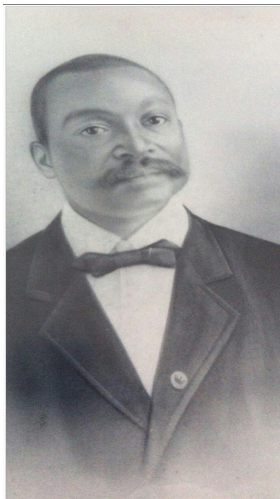
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Joseph, Martin, Ora, Josie, Alma, Abraham, Mattie, Clara, Elijah, David, Lewis, Mary

John + Addie

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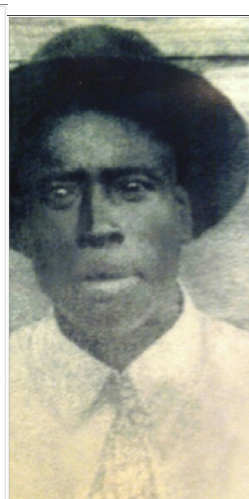
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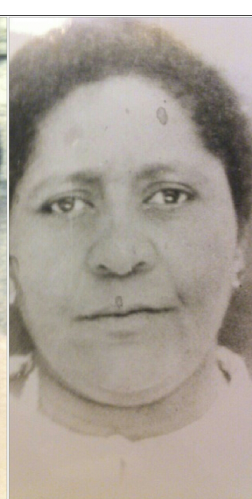
Willis Donald
(1845-1919)



David Donald
(1874-1955)

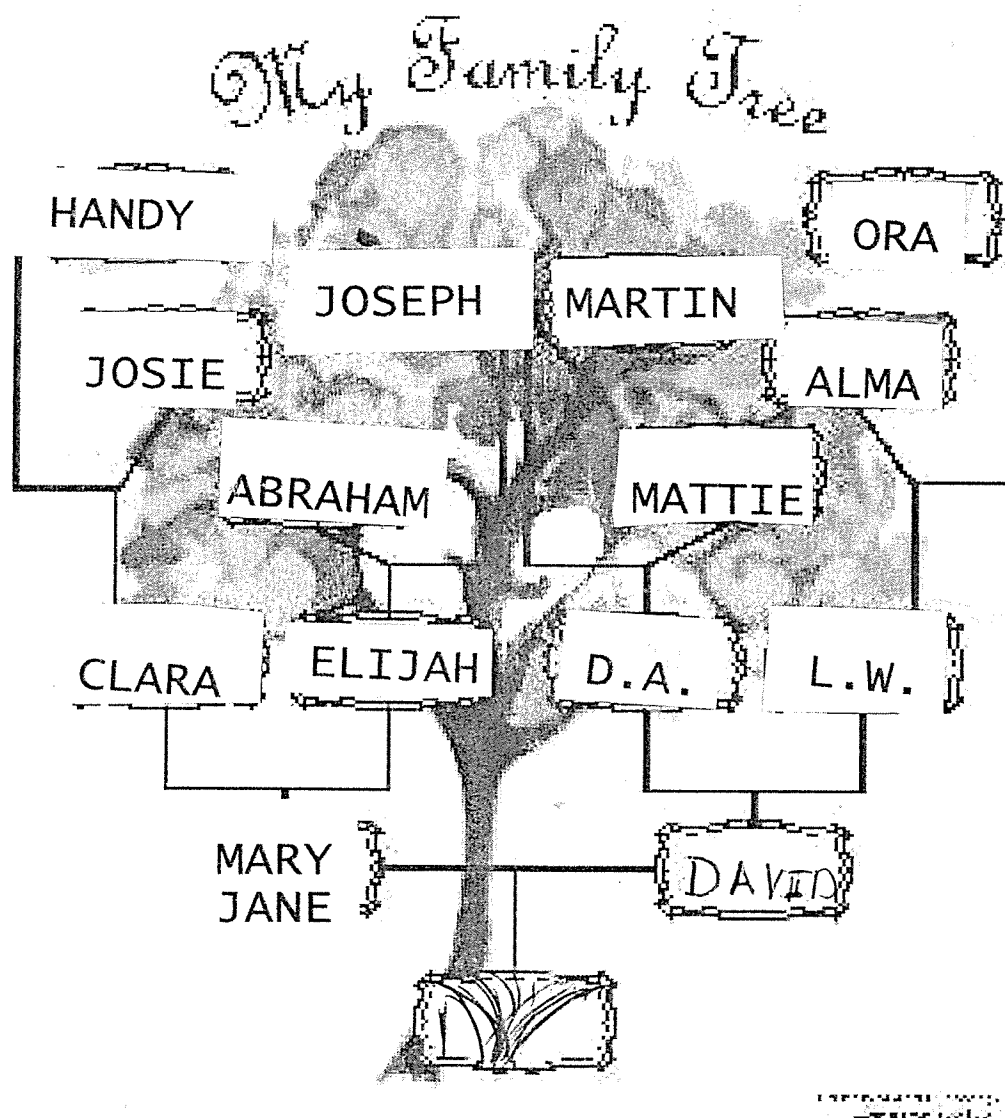


John Donald
(1891-1946)



Addie Ware Donald
(1898-1941)

The Donald Family Tree



Descendants of the Late Rev. D.A. Donald and
The Late Mrs. Lula Mae (Sharp) Donald