**Elijah J Jefcoat** was born in 1794 in Orangeburg, Orangeburg, South Carolina, United States as the first child of Samuel Jr Jeffcoat and Bridget Jeffcoat (Creek Indian). He had three older half siblings. In 1815 at age 21, he married Mary Ann Pelham,daughter of James Ambrose Pelham and mothers name unknown.

Elijah and his family lived in Lexington, South Carolina until 1840 when he turns up in Pike Co, Alabama. He owns both land and fourteen slaves.

Elijah died 22 Sept 1863 in Butler Co, Alabama. The contents of his last Will were as follows

***Elijah J Jeffcoat's Will***

***b1790/1800 In Orangeburg District, S.C. died in Butler County, Alabama. Son of Samuel Jr and Bridget. His son William E Jefcoat was sworn in as the Administrator for the Estate of his deceased father, Sept 22, 1863 (Butler County Probate Court, Ala) the estate consisted of land valkued at about $32000 and the following slaves valkued at $10000. Joe a man slave about 25 years old, woman slave named Ann and her three children Ben, Patty and Mandy, a boy named Dick 13 years old, boy named Jim, 8 years old and Alford about 10 years old. Also one mule and two horses, about 15 head of cattle and about 60 head of hogs, one wagon, buggy, yoke of oxen, household and kitchen furniture. The estate was divided among the following heirs: Widow (Mary Ann Jefcoat) and children (issue 11)***

***1. William E Jefcoat***

***2. E.A. Jefcoat***

***3. Louisa Jefcoat, wife of Lazerous Kitchens***

***4. John P Jefcoat, residing in Butler Co***

***5. Martha Jefcoat, wife of D.J. Green***

***6. Mary A Jefcoat, wife of Samson Sims, resided in Pike Co, Ala***

***7. D.W. Jefcoat, resides in Montgomery Co***

***8. B.G. Jefcoat, resides in Perry Co***

***9. H.J.Jefcoat residing in the state of Mississippi***

***10. Rebecca Jefcoat Athey (decieased), children: James Athey, Warren Athey, Jim Athey, Caroline A Athey, William Athey, and ? Athey, all minors except the first.***

***11. D.E. Jefcoat (deceased), children: Mary Jefcoat, wife of Henry Dudley, Martha Perry and Susan Jefcoat, minors.***

A little bit of their chilidrens stories:

1 **Henry John** was born 13 August 1816in Laurens, South Carolina. He had ten younger siblings. At age 21 he married Nancy Claire Dendy on 19 January 1937 at Lowndes Co, Alabama. Nancy was the daughter of Thomas C Dendy and Elizabeth Cason. The couple had four daughters and five sons. They were a farming family. In 1850 they owned about 219 acres in Pike Co. Alabama. 1860 Henryk was working as a House Carpenter and running the farm with three of his sons. They were located at Township 17, Choctaw Co, Mississippi. By 1880 Henry and Nancy were farming by themselves in Choctaw Co. Nancy died May 1809 at Montgomery Co Mississippi and Henry died August 1889 at Choctaw Co, Mississippi.

2. **William Elijah** was born 1817 Lexington, South Carolina. Hse was married twice and had a family with each wife. He died April 1872 Scott Co, Mississippi.

3. **Daniel E** was born 1820 South Carolina. He married Risiah. They had no children. Daniel served as a Private in the 17th Regiment of Alabama Infantry, Company K. In 1850 they were farming in Pike Co. Daniel died 1863 in Butler (later Creshaw) Co, Alabama.

4. **Rebecca A** was born February 1821 in South Carolina. She was 16 when she married Wiley Athey, 27 June 1837, Pike Co, Alabama. They had six children:Henry Warren (1840-1915), Elizabeth (1857-?), William Wesley (1845-1913), Martha J (1843-1874), Caroline (1843-?) and Elijah James (1839-1908) In September 1850 they were farming at Second District, Montgomery Co, Alabama and the farm was valued at $1300 in 1860 with their personal assets valued at $500. They owned about 242 acres of land. Rebecca died about 1860 and Wiley died about 1867 at Ramer, Montgomery Co, Alabama.

5. B**enjamin Graves** was born 1826 in Alabama. On 18 March 1846 he married Nancy Jane Duke the daughter of William Duke and Abigail Jane Smith. They had six children namely: Ransom Duke (1849-?), Elijah James willie (1850-1900), Benjamin James (1855-1929), Nancy E Lee (1858-1923), Mary Jo (1861-1897) and Charles (1863-?) In 1850 they were farming at Second District, Montgomery Co. In 1860 he was working as a carpenter in Monroe Co, Alabama. Nancy Jane died Ded 1860 and Benjamin Graves died 1865, Alabama.

6. **Martha Ann** was born 1827 Alabama. She married DJ Green (1825-1862) in 1844 Alabama. By 1850 they were farming at Second District, Montgomery Co, Alabama. They had the following children: Alin (1843-.?), Tilda A (1845-?) Rebecca AM (1849-?), Wiley A (1852-?), Delillah (1853-?), Franklin (1854-1933), James W (1857-1927), Rebecca (1858-?) and George W (1863-1952). DJ died 1862 in wa4rwickshire, England. Martha married Reddick Fowler (1820-1881) on 17th December 1869 in warren, Mississippi. the had one daughter, Lucy Ann (1863-1930). Redick died 1881 at Yazoo, Mississippi and Martha died 1905 at HInds, Mississippi.

7. **Mary Ann** was born 1829in Alabama. she married Simpson Sims (1818-1864) about 1843. They had: Miranda (1844-1905) Elijah (1846-1925) Louisa (1846-?) James Henry (1850-?) William (1851-?) Rebecca (1853-1880) Elizabeth (1856-?) Leonard (1858-?) and Martha (1861-?). In 1910 Mary Ann was a widow living in a rented house in Mississipi.

**8. John P** was born 1830 Alabama. He owned 79 99/100 acres of land when he married Nancy A Vann on 24 January 1854 in Montgomery Co, Alabama. He purchased another 79 acres in 1860. John was enlisted as a Private in Company D, Alabama, Hilliards 4th Infantry Battalion. The couple had the following children:Sarah J (1854-?), William W (1855-?), Elizabeth (1856-?), ME (1859-?), George W (1863-1893) Malinda (1865-?) Lueza C (1868-?) and Benjamin Franklin (1876-1948) Nancy passed away March 1900 and he likely passed in 1908.

9. **David W** was born 17 May 1833. He married Irene W Holmes the daughter of Silas D Hoklmes and Sarh Singleton. The marriage took place on 20 January 1853 in MOntgomery, Montgomery Co, Alabama. They had the following children.P 91854-?) Sarah Isabel (1854-1941) Alan and Asa (1855-?) James Millard (1858-1957) and Mary Josephine I1860-1941) 09 May 1862 David enlisted at Dublin, Alabama and became a Private in Company D of 3rd Battlion of Hilliard Legion. He died in the battle of Chickamauga, Walker Co, Georgia on 20 September 1863. His wife, Irene, died in 1866.

10. **Louisa** was born 1834, Alabama. She married Lazarus Kitchens (1829-?) on 24 July 1849 in MOntgomery Co, Alabama. They had W (1852-?), S (1855-?), FA (1857-?) and Lazarus D (1860-?).

11. **Elijah A** was born 1841 Alabama. At age 17 on 01 December 1858 in Alabama he married Susan Rebbecca Barnes (1842-?). They lived and farmed at Western Division, Pike Co, Alabama in 1860i. They do not seem to have had children.