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| FT-026 |  | FT-027 |
| Henry “Judge” Sharp | Keziah Gurley |  | Reuben Porter Long, Sr. | Susanna Mitchell |
| 1779 | 1841 | 1783 | 1823 |  | 1784 (?) | 1832 | 1796 | Death Year |

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| Groves Davis Sharp |  | Matilda A. Long |
| **Born** | October 14, 1810 (according to FamilySearch.org)~1811 (Source 051)~1810 (Source 050)~1813 (Source 048)1802 to 1804 (Bert Lavon Sharp)1803 – 1804 (My best guess) | **Married:** | **Born** | ~1820 (Source 051)~1829 (Source 050)~1830 (Source 048)My guess would be about 1830. |
| **Where** | Tennessee | approx. June 8, 1846 | **Where** | Alabama |
| **Died** | January 19, 1875 (according to FamilySearch.org) | **Where:** | **Died** |  |
| **Where** |  |  | **Where** |  |
| **Buried** |  | **Source:** | **Buried** |  |
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**Children:**

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| **Name** | **Born** | **Where** | **Source** | **Died** | **Where** | **Buried** | **Source** |
| John W.  | 1849 | Mississippi, USA | 51 |  |  |  |  |
| James W.  | 1850 | Mississippi, USA | 50 |  |  |  |  |
| John Note: It’s possible that the above “John W.” and “James W.” are the same person. The 1850 Federal Census (Source 051) lists a “John W.” who is 1 year old. The 1860 Federal Census (Source 050) lists a “Jas. W” who is 10 years old. I guess Groves and Matilda could have decided to change his name from “John” to “James”. There is no mention of a John W. Sharp after the 1850 Federal Census, just “James” after that point. |
| Susan Ann | 185318551856 | Mississippi, USA | 50a336183 |  |  |  |  |
| Groves Benjamin |  |  |  |  |  |  | FT-010 |
| (Burton?) Rueben F. | 185914-Dec-186018601860 | Mississippi, USA | 50a[FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28819510/rheubin-franklin-sharp)336183 | 19-Dec-1898 |  | McCullough Cemetery, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28819510/rheubin-franklin-sharp) |
| Matilda Elizabeth | 18621864 | Mississippi, USA | 336183 |  |  |  |  |
| Elvira | 18661866 | Mississippi, USA | 336183 |  |  |  |  |
| Emeline G. | 18681868 | Mississippi, USA | 336183 |  |  |  |  |
| A.L. | 1872 | Kemper County, MS, USA | 183 |  |  |  |  |

**Other Marrriages:**

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| Husband – Other wife | Sarah Walker | **Sources** |
| **When** | ~1836 |  |
| **Where** | Tennessee |  |
| **Other Children** | * Mary Francis Sharp (Aug 5, 1837 – May 20, 1913)
* William Groves Sharp (May 1839 - ??) (Source 050)
* Robert Henry Sharp (November 1843 – Feb 13, 1911). It’s possible Robert was also known as “Asha” when young. (Sources 050, 051)
 | 070FamilySearch.org071 |
| **Comments** | It is estimated that Sarah was born ~ 1819 and died ~ 1843 | FamilySearch.org |

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**Story:**

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| Current Status:* Why is the 1900 US Federal Census data below? Need to research more.
* I can find no record of an “A. L. Sharp” after the 1880 Federal Census.
* I can find no record of the burial locations for Groves Davis Sharp or Matilda Atwood Long Sharp.
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| 1800 and 1810 US Federal Census for TennesseeFederal census records for Tennessee are lost for 1790, 1800, parts of 1810 and 1820, and all of 1890. Some territorial censuses (1791, 1795) were taken, but only statistical data remains. The territorial census, taken in the fall of 1795, validated the population for statehood requirements and showed that the number of residents had more than doubled in four years. One source for pre-territorial enumerations is Lucy Kate McGhee, *Partial Census of 1787 to 1791 of Tennessee as Taken from the North Carolina Land Grants* (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1990).Petitions by settlers help fill the early census void. Many have been published in journals for state historical and genealogical societies, such as Cherel Bolin Henderson, trans., 'Petitions to the North Carolina General Assembly from Inhabitants South of the French Broad, 1784'1789,' *Tennessee Ancestors: A Tri-Annual Publication of the East Tennessee Historical Society* 17 (December 2001): 208-28. This journal article includes thirteen different petitions (dated from April 1784 to 30 November 1789) and lists hundreds of male residents in the area before a census was taken.Compilations of early Tennessee tax lists also assist in replacing the lost U.S. censuses. Among these are Byron Sistler and Barbara Sistler, *Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists* (Evanston, Ill.: Byron Sistler and Assoc., 1977); Pollyanna Creekmore, comp., *Early East Tennessee Taxpayers* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1980); Mary Barnett Curtis, *Early East Tennessee Tax Lists* (Ft. Worth, Tex.: Arrow Printing Co., 1964); and Richard Carlton Fulcher, comp., *1770'1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner, Tennessee Counties (In What Is Now Tennessee)* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987).Only Rutherford County and a portion of Grainger County are available for the 1810 census; the Grainger County 1810 census (about 92 percent of the inhabitants) was published by *Tennessee Ancestors: A Publication of the East Tennessee Historical Society*, vol. 6, no. 2 (August 1990): 90-112.Twenty-six of Tennessee's counties have federal census records for 1820. These middle and west Tennessee counties are Bedford, Davidson, Dickson, Franklin, Giles, Hardin, Hickman, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maury, Montgomery, Overton, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Warren, Wayne, White, Williamson, and Wilson. It is 1830 before a complete list of Tennessee households is available. | <https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php/Census_Records_for_Tennessee> |
| 1820 US Federal Census for Lawrence County, TN, USAIn the 1820 Census from Lawrence County, TN (Source 290), the Henry Sharp family consists of:* 2 white males under 10 years old
* 2 white males at least 10 years old, but under 16 years old
* 1 white male at least 16 years old, but under 26 years old
* 1 white male at least 26 years old, but under 45 years old
* 2 white females under 10 years old
* 1 white female at least 26 years old, but under 45 years old
* 1 female slave at least 14 years old, but under 25 years old

In 1820, Henry would be approximately 41, Keziah would be approximately 37. This Census document matches both Henry and Keziah. If Bert Lavon Sharp’s matching of ages to people are correct in the 1830 Federal Census below, the people in the 1820 Federal Census may be:* 2 white males under 10 years old (maybe Henry Rice and John?)
* 2 white males at least 10 years old, but under 16 years old (maybe Starkey A. and Basil?)
* 1 white male at least 16 years old, but under 26 years old (maybe Groves Davis ?)
* 1 white male at least 26 years old, but under 45 years old ( Henry Sharp)
* 2 white females under 10 years old (maybe Elizabeth and ?)
* 1 white female at least 26 years old, but under 45 years old (Keziah Gurley)

If Bert is correct and the male at least 16 but less than 26 years old is Groves Davis, then Groves Davis must have been born between 1802 and 1804. As Henry and Keziah were married in May 1801 – and assuming Groves Davis was conceived at least 9 months afterwards, in 1802 – and if he was born after 1804, he wouldn’t be at least 16 in 1820 – that puts his birth year somewhere in the 1802 to 1804 time period. Another complication is that Henry Sharp didn’t move to Tennessee until 1803 (Source 337). As all of the Federal Censuses say that Groves Davis was born in Tennessee, that further constrains Groves Davis’ birth year to 1803 to 1804.According to the 1850 census, he was 39 years old on Sept 5th, 1850 (Source 51). In the 1860 Census (Source 50), he is listed as 58 years old on July 8, 1860. In the 1870 Census (Source 48), he is 57 years old on July 1, 1870. Obviously there are some errors in the Census documents. In FamilySearch.org, Groves Davis’ birthday is listed as October 14, 1810, but there are no sources for this date. If that is the true birthdate, he should have been 39 for the 1850 Census, 49 for the 1860 Census, and 59 for the 1870 Census. Only the 1850 Census data matches this. Tennessee didn’t start keeping statewide birth records until 1908, so it is doubtful that I can find a source for his birth date.I think I will go with the 1803 to 1804 time period for Groves Davis birth year. | 110 |
| 1830 US Federal Census for Lawrence County, TN, USAIn the 1830 Census from Lawrence County, TN (Source 290), there is a Groves Sharp family that is listed as having 2 males (1 that is 20 and 29 years old, and 1 that is 60 and 69 years old) and 2 females (1 that is 15 to 19 years old and 1 that is 50 and 59 years old). In 1830, Groves Davis would have been approximately 20, Henry (Judge) Sharp would have been about 51 years old. Keziah Gurley (Henry’s wife) would have been about 47. So it doesn’t seem that Source 290 refers to the Henry (Judge) Sharp family. There is also an 1830 US Federal Census document for a Henry Sharp from Lawrence County, TN (Source 106), and it contains:* 5 males
	+ 1 that is 5 to 9 years old
	+ 1 that is 10 to 14 years old
	+ 1 that is 15 to 19 years old
	+ 1 that is 20 to 29 years old (Groves Davis?)
	+ 1 that is 50 to 59 years old (Henry)
* 4 Females
	+ 1 that is 5 to 9 years old
	+ 1 that is 15 to 19 years old
	+ 1 that is 20 to 29 years old, and
	+ 1 that is 40 to 49 years old (Keziah?)
* 1 Slave
	+ 1 that is 24 to 35 years old.

I have a document on the genealogy of the Sharps from Bert Lavon Sharp, dated February 10, 1991. On page 15, Bert lists the people in Source 106 as:* 5 males
	+ 1 that is 5 to 9 years old (William Lawrence Sharp – Bert’s g-grandfather)
	+ 1 that is 10 to 14 years old (Henry Rice Sharp)
	+ 1 that is 15 to 19 years old (no name assigned)
	+ 1 that is 20 to 29 years old (Starkey A. Sharp)
	+ 1 that is 50 to 59 years old (Henry “Judge” Sharp)
* 4 Females
	+ 1 that is 5 to 9 years old (no name assigned)
	+ 1 that is 15 to 19 years old (Elizabeth Sharp)
	+ 1 that is 20 to 29 years old (no name assigned)
	+ 1 that is 40 to 49 years old (Keziah Gurley)

So where I would have thought the 20 to 29 year old male was Groves Davis Sharp, Bert thinks this is Starkey A. Sharp. Bert thinks Groves Davis was born probably somewhere around 1802 to 1804. Henry married Keziah on May 26, 1801, so Groves was born probably no sooner than late winter 1802. As Henry came to Tennessee in 1803 (Source 337), if Groves Davis was born in TN (as all of his Census documents state), he would have been born in 1803 or a little later. | 290106337 |
| 1830 US Federal Census, enumerated for Greene County, AL USA, but no date listed.In 1830, the Reuben Long family is listed as:* 1 White male under 5 years old
* 1 White male 5 to 9 years old
* 1 White male 30 to 39 years old
* 2 White females under 5 years old
* 1 White female 5 to 9 years old
* 1 White female 20 to 29 years old
* 1 Slave Male, under 10 years old
* 1 Slave Male, 10 to 23 years old
* 2 Slaves, Female, under 10 years old
* 1 Slave, Female, 10 to 23 years old

Reuben Long, Sr. is estimated to have been born in about 1794, so he would have been 36 in 1830. That fits the data in this Census. Susanna Mitchell is estimated to have been born in 1796, so she would have been 34 in 1830. This does not fit the data in this Census. (Maybe she was sticking with “I’m 29 and that’s as old as I will get!”?) Matilda was 3 years old at the time of the Census, so it does fit for her. It may be that this is not the correct Census document that I have stored in my Ancestry.com account for this family.The data in the 1830 Census (Source 292) does match that in the 1820 Census (Source 294) for the oldest white male and female. | 292 (Page 1), 293 (Page 2) |
| 1840 US Federal Census for Lawrence County, TN, USAThe Groves Davis Sharp family is listed as consisting of:* 2 males
	+ 1 under 5 – probably William Groves and
	+ 1 between 20 and 30 – probably Groves himself and
* 2 females
	+ 1 under 5 – probably Mary Frances and
	+ 1 between 15 and 20 – probably his first wife Sarah Walker
 | 052 |
| 1840 US Federal Census for Susanna Mitchell Family |  |
| Sara Walker died between the 1840 US Federal Census and June 1846, as Groves and Matilda Atwood Long were married June 8, 1846, according to source 049. This is just a screenshot from FamilySearch.org and I am not sure of the original document this came from. Also, it seems to say that Henry Wilson paid Matilda’s dowry, and I am not sure who this was. The text of the message seems to be:“Received of Henry Wilson the above [sum?] of twelve hundred and sixteen 15/100 dollars and I do hereby acknowledge satisfaction in full, I discharge the [??] Henry Wilson from the guardianship of my wife Matilda A. Long. June 8, 1846”. Signed by G. D. Sharp. Also signed by an “A. R. Davis”, a clerk. A. R. Davis appears to be a clerk in Smith County, Tennessee.In the 1830 Census for Reuben Porter Long, Sr. (Sources 292 and 293), there is a John A. Wilson and a Jason Wilson that live nearby. As Reuben died in 1832, it may be that one of the Wilsons became legal guardians for Mattie after his death. | 049 |
| 1850 US Federal Census, enumerated September 5, 1850 in Kemper County, MS, USA (city not stated).In 1850, the Sharps were living in Kemper County, MS, probably in DeKalb having moved from Lawrence County, TN since the 1840 Federal Census. Groves Davis was 39, working as a miller. Matilda is listed as 30 years old, so there is some discrepancy between the 1850 and 1860 census. G. D. is listed as born in Tennessee and Matilda is listed as born in Alabama.The children are:* Mary (13), born in Tennessee, listed as attending school in the last year
* William (11) , born in Tennessee, listed as attending school in the last year
* Asha (9) , born in Tennessee, listed as attending school in the last year
* John (1) , born in Mississippi

Since Groves Davis and Matilda were married in 1846, John is probably their first son and the others are children from Groves’ first marriage to Sara Walker. Mary, William, and Asha were all born in Tennessee, while John was born in Mississippi. | 051 |
| 1860 US Federal Census, enumerated July 8, 1860 in Kemper County, MS, USA (city not stated, but probably near De Kalb since that is listed as the nearest post office.)In 1860, the Groves Davis Sharp family was living in Kemper County, MS near De Kalb. Groves Davis is listed as 50 (or 58… hard to read the handwriting of the enumerator). Matilda is 31. Groves is a farmer and has $500 of real estate and $150 of personal estate. He was born in Tennessee and Matilda was born in Alabama.Children living with G. D. and Matilda are:* William G. (son), 21 years old, also a farmer, born in Tennessee
* Robert H. (son), 17 years old, born in Tennessee
* Jas. W. (son), 10 years old, born in Mississippi
* Ann (daughter), 7 years old, born in Mississippi
* Groves B. (son), 5 years old, born in Mississippi (Ancestry.com interprets this as George B., but it’s Groves B.)
* Burton F. (son), 1 year old, born in Mississippi

So there is no “John” listed here. I am assuming the “Jas. W.” means “James W.” and in the 1870 Census, there is a “James” and not a “John”. It’s possible Groves and Matilda changed the baby’s name from “John” to “James”. I have seen that in a few instances. | 50, 50a |
| 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated July 1, 1860 in Kemper County, MS, USA (city not stated, but probably near De Kalb since that is listed as the nearest post office.)The G. D. Sharp family is still living in Kemper County in July 1870. G. D. is 57 and working in a grip mill (not sure what that is, but in the 1850 census, he is listed as a miller). He has a personal estate worth $300, and was born in Tennessee. Matilda is listed as 40 years old and keeps house. She is listed as born in Alabama. Children listed as living in the household are:* William (son), 30 years old, working as a house carpenter, born in Tennessee
* James (this is probably John, even though the Census does say “James”), (son), 19 years old, working as a farm hand, born in Mississippi, cannot write
* Susan (daughter), 15 years old, attending school, born in Mississippi
* Groves (son), 13 years old, working as a farm hand, born in Mississippi, cannot read or write
* Reuben (son), 10 years old, working as a farm hand, born in Mississippi, cannot read or write
* Matilda (daughter), 8 years old, attending school, born in Mississippi
* Elvira (daughter), 4 years old, attending school, born in Mississippi
* Emelina (daughter), 2 years old, born in Mississippi
 | 048, 336 (same as 048, but a better picture) |
| Groves Davis Sharp has died in 1875. I have been unable to find any information regarding his burial location. |  |
| 1880 US Federal Census, enumerated on June 18, 1880 for District #3 Neshoba County, MS, USAAs Groves Davis Sharp has died in 1875, Matilda is the head of household for the 1880 Census. Groves is listed as born in Tennessee and Matilda in Alabama. Matilda’s father is listed as born in South Carolina and her mother in Alabama. Matilda is listed as a widow. Living with Matilda are:* S. A., daughter (probably Susan Ann), 24 years old, born in MS, single
* G. R., son (probably Groves Benjamin), 22 years old, born in MS, single
* R. F., son (probably Reuben ), 20 years old, born in MS, single
* M. E. Honol, daughter (probably Matilda and her married name), 16 years old (but very hard to read in the Census document), born in MS. Matilda is listed as married.
* S. V., daughter (Elvira?), 14 years old, born in MS, single
* E. G., daughter (probably Emeline or Emilina), 12 years old, born in MS, single
* A. L., daughter (??), 8 years old, born in MS, single [John Note: I can find no record of an “A. L. Sharp” after this reference. Just one of those mysteries of life.]
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| It appears Matilda Atwood Long Sharp died in ~1894. I have been unable to find any information regarding her burial location. |  |
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