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| FT-021 | | | |  | FT-022 | | | |
| Henry Rice Sharp | | Sarah Indiana Harrison | |  | George Rayford Smith | | Mary Ann Kynerd | |
| 1820 | 1880 | 1823 | 1880 |  | 1822 | 1894 | 1819 | 1911 |

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| James David Sharp | |  | Martha Permelia Smith | |
| **Born** | 16-Apr-1856 | Married: | **Born** | 28-Feb-1858 |
| **Where** | Mississippi | 12-Apr-1877 | **Where** | Lauderdale County, MS |
| **Died** | 4-Dec-1928 | Where: | **Died** | 26-Feb-1914 |
| **Where** | Neshoba County, MS |  | **Where** | Neshoba Cty, MS |
| **Buried** | Boyd Cemetery, Neshoba County, MS | Source: | **Buried** | Boyd Cemetery, Neshoba County, MS |
|  | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28645336) | Ancestry.com |  | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28645347/martha-permelia-sharp) |

**Children:**

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| **Name** | **Born** | **Where** | **Source** | **Died** | **Where** | **Buried** | **Source** |
| Lucy R. | 13-Sep-1877 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28819496/lucy-r-sharp) | 15-Oct-1881 | Neshoba County, MS (assumed) | McCullough Cemetery, Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28819496/lucy-r-sharp) |
| Arbert Lavinia | 18-Dec-1879 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171756969/arbert-lavinia-richardson) | 10-Apr-1982 | Union, Neshoba, MS | Pine Grove Cemetery, House, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171756969/arbert-lavinia-richardson) |
| Groves Leonard | 24-Nov-1881 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29241590/groves-leonard-sharp) | 25-Jun-1964 | Jones Cty, MS | Shelton Cemetery, Jones County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29241590/groves-leonard-sharp) |
| James Nathan | 15-Jan-1884 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61265725/james-nathan-sharp) | 7-Sep-1939 | Jasper Cty, MS | Union Line Cemetery, Soso, Jones County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61265725/james-nathan-sharp) |
| Mattie L. | 16-Aug-1886 |  | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/120501411/mattie-l-parker) | 27-Jul-1954 |  | Lebanon Cemetery, Laurel, Jones County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/120501411/mattie-l-parker) |
| Bertha Amelia |  |  | FT-005 |  |  |  | FT-005 |
| Alma Ophelia | 2-Feb-1889 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/109145768/alma-ophelia-richardson) | 2-Apr-1967 | Neshoba, MS | Golden Grove Cemetery, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/109145768/alma-ophelia-richardson) |
| Pearly | 13-Jan-1892 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21725528/pearlie-pierce) | 2-Jun-1981 | Neshoba, MS | Bloomfield Cemetery, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21725528/pearlie-pierce) |
| Irvin Davis “Bum” | 22-Nov-1893 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28604125/irvin-davis-sharp) | 3-Jul-1973 | Philadelphia, Neshoba, MS | Bethsaida Baptist Church Cemetery, Bethsaida, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28604125/irvin-davis-sharp) |
| Lena Jane | 19-Oct-1895 | Neshoba, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/109993220/janie-hardy) | 11-Dec-1974 | Neshoba, MS | Bethsaida Baptist Church Cemetery, Bethsaida, Neshoba County, MS | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/109993220/janie-hardy) |

**Other Marrriages:**

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| Husband – Other wife | Ada Mae Coker | **Sources** |
| **When** | 23-Dec-1915 | Ancestry.com |
| **Where** | Neshoba County, MS | Ancestry.com |
| **Other Children** | Vernon  Erner | 199 |
| **Comments** |  |  |
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**Story:**

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| **Activity** | **Sources** |
| Current Status:   * Need Source data for marriage of Martha and James |  |
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| James Nathan Sharp married Estella (unknown last name at this time) and they lived in Soso, MS in 1918. | 120 |
| 1860 US Federal Census, enumerated July 17, 1860 in Beat 2, Lauderdale County, MS, USA (nearest post office is Lauderdale Station)  In 1860, Martha was 2 years old and living with her parents – George Rayford Smith (38) and Mary Anne Kynerd (41). This age for Martha disagrees with her tombstone date. George was a farmer and Mary was a “dom bus” – no idea what that means… domestic business? This phrase was used a lot for women by this enumerator. George owned real estate worth $3600 and had a personal estate worth of $10460, so he was likely a Slave Owner. I will check later. George was born in SC, and Mary in AL. Their children were:   * Robert W. (son), 15 years old, born in AL, attended school in past year * Jacob K. (son), 12 years old, born in AL, attended school in past year * William D. (son), 7 years old, born in MS, attended school in past year * Charles R. (son), 5 years old, born in MS, attended school in past year * Martha C. (daughter), 2 years old, born in MS * Preston B. (son), 6 months old, born in MS   We see that Martha’s middle initial is “C”, so I am not sure where the “Permelia” comes in. I have seen this in a few ancestors, where the middle name was changed in later census documents. | 194 |
| 1860 Slave Schedule, enumerated July 20, 1860 in Beat 3, Lauderdale County, MS, USA  George Rayford Smith owned 8 slaves in 1860. They lived in 2 slave houses.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Age** | **Gender** | **Color** | **Other** | **Age** | **Gender** | **Color** | **Other** | | 40 | Female | Black |  | 12 | Female | Black |  | | 38 | Male | Black |  | 9 | Female | Black |  | | 26 | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 14 | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 15 | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 12 | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  |   So, for the first possibly 10 years of her life, Martha grew up with the idea of people owning other people. I don’t know how she felt about it – whether that was a good thing or just the way things were. | 195 |
| 1860 US Federal Census, enumerated June 29, 1860 in Township 9, Range 12 in Neshoba County, MS, USA (nearest post office is Neshoba Springs).  In June 1860, we find a young James David living with his parents – Henry Rice Sharp (40) and Sarah I(ndiana) Harrison (35) – with the other Sharp children and others. Henry R. is a farmer who owns $3500 worth of real estate and has a personal estate worth $5592 (need to check for slaver ownership, since he had extra personal estate worth). Henry was born in TN and Sarah keeps house and was born in Virginia.  They are living in their house with:   * Elvira L., daughter, (14), born in MS, attending school * Mary F., daughter, (12), born in MS, attending school * Kesiah A., daughter, (9), born in MS, attending school * William F., son, (7), born in MS, attending school * James David, son, (3), born in MS * Robert C., son (2), born in MS * Infant not named, son, (1 month old), born in MS * Michael Lockley, male, (28), farmer, owns $160 real estate, $5 personal estate worth, born in AL, cannot read or write * J. A. Pullum, male, (16), farmer, no real estate or personal estate worth, born in LA | 190, 190a |
| 1860 Slave Schedule, enumerated June 28, 1860 for Township 9 Range 12 for Neshoba County, MS, USA  Henry Rice Sharp owned 6 slaves in 1860:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Age** | **Gender** | **Color** | **Other** | **Age** | **Gender** | **Color** | **Other** | | 49 | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 29 | Female | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 5 | Female | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 2 | Female | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 1 month | Male | Black |  |  |  |  |  | | 1 month | Female | Black |  |  |  |  |  |   So if James David was born somewhere between 1855 and 1857, he lived around slaves for 8 to 10 years, and was accustomed to owning other people. | 191 |
| 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated August 3, 1870 in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS, USA  James David Sharp (12) was living with his parents – Henry Rice Sharp (50) and Sarah Indiana Harrison (45) – in Phildadelphia, MS. Henry R is a farmer, owning real estate worth $1780 and having a personal estate worth $715. So he has lost half his real estate worth and almost 90% of his personal estate during the Civil War. Henry was born in TN and Sarah keeps house and was born in Virginia. Children living with Henry and Sarah are:   * Mary F. (daughter) is 22 and was born in MS * Kesiah (daughter) is 22 and was born in MS * William F. (son) is 17 and was born in MS, works as a farm laborer * Sarah V. (daughter) is 13 and was born in MS * James David (son) is 12 and was born in MS, works as a farm laborer, can’t read or write * Robert C. (son) is 10 and was born in MS, can’t read or write * John R. (son) is 8 and was born in MS * Groves R. (son) is 6 and was born in MS   Elvira would be 24 years old and she has moved out since the 1860 census. | 192 |
| 1870 US Federal Census, enumerated July 26(?), 1870 in Beat 3, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, MS, USA  By 1870, the George Rayford Smith Family had moved from Lauderdale County to Neshoba County. George was 49 and a farmer, while Mary was 51 and kept house. George was born in SC, and Mary in AL. Children living with them at home were:   * William D. (son), 17 years old, born in MS, attending school * Charles R. (son), 15 years old, born in MS, attending school * Martha P. (daughter), 12 years old, born in MS, attending school * Preston B. (son), 10 years old, born in MS, attending school * John C. (?) (son), 8 years old, born in MS, attending school * Elizabeth R. (daughter), 7 years old, born in MS, attending school | 196 |
| 1880 US Federal Census, enumerated June 18, 1880 in District 3, Neshoba County, MS, USA  By 1880, James David (24) and Martha Permelia (22) have moved out of their parents households, and have had two daughters:   * L. R. (1 year old). This is Lucy R. * A. L. (six months old). This is Arbert Lavenia.   Everyone in the family was born in MS, but James David does know that his father was born in TN and his mother was born in VA. Both of Martha’s parents were born in South Carolina. There are no checkmarks saying anyone cannot read or write. | 193 |
| 1890 US Federal Census  Most of the census' population schedules were badly damaged by a fire in the [Commerce Department Building](https://www.census.gov/history/img/Commerce-19th-Penn.jpg) in January 1921. For more information about the fire, the National Archives published an article, ["First in the Path of the Firemen: The Fate of the 1890 Population Census,"](http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/spring/1890-census-1.html) in its Spring 1996 *Prologue*.  The extant schedules are numbered and noted following rolls 1-3 below.  **Roll 1**  Perry County, Alabama (Perryville Beat No.11 and Severe Beat No. 8) [fragments 1-455].  **Roll 2**  District of Columbia. Q, 13th, 14th, R, Q, Corcoran, 15th, S, R, and Riggs Streets, Johnson Avenue, and S Street [fragments 456-781].  **Roll 3**  Muscogee County (Columbus), Georgia; McDonough County (Mound Twp.), Illinois; Wright County (Rockford), Minnesota; Hudson County (Jersey City), New Jersey; Westchester County, (Eastchester); and Suffolk County (Brookhaven Twp.), New York; Gaston County (South Point Twp. and River Bend Twp.) and Cleveland County (Twp. No. 2), North Carolina; Hamilton County (Cincinnati) and Clinton County (Wayne Twp.), Ohio; Union County (Jefferson Twp.), South Dakota; Ellis County (J.P. No. 6, Mountain Peak, and Ovilla Precinct), Hood County (Precinct No. 5), Rusk County (No. 6 and J.P. No. 7), Trinity County (Trinity Town and Precinct No. 2) and Kaufman County (Kaufman) [fragments 782-1,233], Texas. | [U. S. Census Information](https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/decennial_census_records/availability_of_1890_census.html) |
| 1900 US Federal Census, enumerated June 8-9, 1900 in District 43, Mogulusha, Neshoba County, MS, USA  James David and Martha were living in Mogulusha, MS in 1900. James was 44, born in April 1856 and Martha was 42, born in 1858. They had been married 22 years at this time. Everyone in the family was born in MS, but James’ father was born in TN and his mother in VA (matching all previous census data). Martha’s father was born in SC and mother born in AL. James is a farmer, who owns his own farm, free of mortgage. Both James and Martha can read and write. James and Martha have had 10 children and 9 are still alive, as Lucy R. died in 1881 at age 4.  The children living with James and Martha at this time are:   * Lenard (son), 18 years old, born in Nov 1881, working as a farm laborer * Nathan (son), 16 years old, born in Jan 1884, working as a farm laborer * Mattie (daughter), 13 years old, born in Aug 1886 * Bertha (daughter), 11 years old, born in Jan 1889 (correct month, but year should be 1888) * Alma (daughter), 11 years old, born in Jan 1889 (correct year, but month should be Feb) * Pearly (daughter), 8 years old, born in Jan 1892 * Irvin (son), 6 years old, born in Nov 1893 * Janez (daughter), 4 years old, born in Oct 1895   All the children except Janez (Jane?) were in school for two months the previous year (1899). Lenard, Nathan, Mattie, Bertha, and Alma can read and write. | 198 |
| 1910 US Federal Census, enumerated May 3, 1910 in Beat 3, Neshoba County, MS, USA  In 1910, the Sharps were still living in Neshoba County. James (54) and Martha (52) have now been married for 32 years, and 9 of their 10 children are still alive (same as 1900). James was born in MS, his father in TN, and his mother in VA. Martha was born in MS, but now lists her parents as born in NC. Her parents’ birth states is probably wrong. James is still a farmer, who owns his own farm free of mortgage. Both can read and write.  Children living with James and Martha are:   * Groves L. (son), 28 years old, born in MS, working on farm * Irvin D. (son), 16 years old, born in MS, working on farm * Lena J. (daughter), 14 years old, born in MS, working on farm   The farm may be a jointly owned between Groves and James as they are both listed as employers while Irvin and Lena are listed as wage earners. Neither Irvin or Lena attended school last year, even though they are of school age. | 132 |
| According to her gravestone, Martha died on February 26, 1914, so she will not be in the 1920 US Federal Census. | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28645347/martha-permelia-sharp) |
| 1920 US Federal Census, enumerated on January 20-21, 1920 in District 84, Mogulusha, Neshoba County, MS, USA  James (62) has remarried by the time of the 1920 Federal Census, to Ada Mae Coker (40). Ada comes with 2 children, who it appears James has adopted as their last name is now Sharp. James is still a farmer, who owns his own farm still free of mortgage. James now lists both of his parents as being born in TN (he seems to have forgotten his mother was born in VA). Ada was born in MS, as were her parents.  The children of Ada that are living with James and Ada are:   * Vernon, son, (16), attending school, can speak and write, born in MS * Erner, daughter (16), attending school, can speak and write, born in MS   I won’t put in Sources or anything for Ada, as she is not in our direct lineage. But in the 1910 US Federal Census, she is living in Kemper County with her mother (Susan Breckinridge – 59 and widowed) and other siblings. Ada died March 18, 1970 and is buried next to her first husband (B. Frank Coker) who died in 1904 at age 24 in Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Preston, Kemper County, MS, USA | 199 |
| According to his gravestone, James David died December 4, 1928, so there is no 1930 US Federal Census data for him. I am pretty sure the birth date on his tombstone is wrong (not 1855). In all his census documents, he lists his ages as:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **US Federal Census Year** | **Enumeration Date** | **James David’s listed age** | | 1860 | June 29 | 3 | | 1870 | August 3 | 12 | | 1880 | June 18 | 24 | | 1900 | June 8 | 441 | | 1910 | May 3 | 54 | | 1920 | January 20 | 62 |   1 In the 1900 US Federal Census, James David says he was born in April 1856. If he was born in April 1856, he should have been:   * 1860 Census – 4 * 1870 Census – 14 * 1880 Census – 24 (Yay, got it right!) * 1900 Census – 44 (Yay, another right one!) * 1910 Census – 54 (We are on a roll!) * 1920 Census – 63 (missed on that one)   So my opinion is that the April 1856 birth month is correct. I will assume that the April 16, 1856 is the correct birthdate. | [FindaGrave](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/28645336) |
| Let’s check if we have similar issues with Martha’s birth date on her tombstone – February 28, 1858. Using the same information as we did for James, we find:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **US Federal Census Year** | **Enumeration Date** | **Martha’s listed age** | | 1860 | July 17 | 2 | | 1870 | June 26 | 12 | | 1880 | June 18 | 22 | | 1900 | June 8 | 422 | | 1910 | May 3 | 52 |   2 In the 1900 US Federal Census, Martha says she was born in February 1858. If she was born in February 1858, she should have been:   * 1860 Census – 2 (Yay, got it right!) * 1870 Census – 12 (Yay, got it right!) * 1880 Census – 22 (Yay, got it right!) * 1900 Census – 42 (Yay, another right one!) * 1910 Census – 52 (We are on a roll!)   So my opinion is that the February 1858 birth month is correct. I will assume that the February 28, 1858 is the correct birthdate. |  |
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