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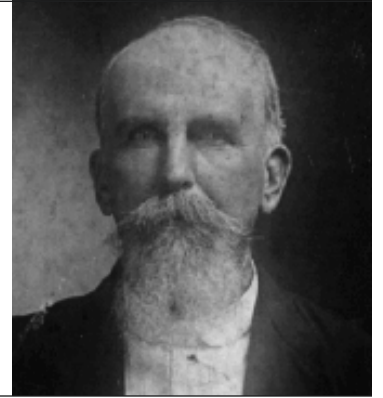
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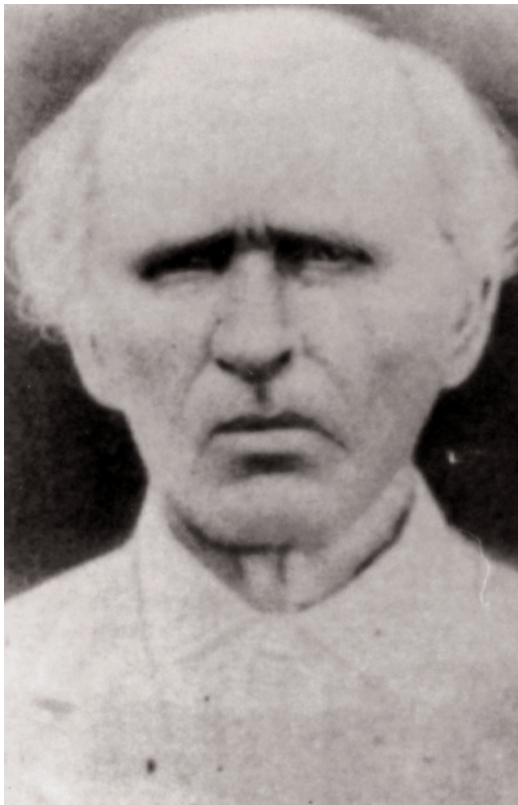
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THE FAMILY OF FRANCIS MARION SHAW



THE ESTATE OF JEREMIAH SHAW, JR.

Francis Marion Shaw and William Jasper Shaw, joint executors of their father's will.



Pictured above is Jeremiah Shaw, Jr., who was born in South Carolina on 20 March, 1800 and died in Berrien County on 7 April, 1883. He is one of the largest contributors to the Shaw progeny in what was Berrien and Lowndes Counties. He is also the father of Francis Marion Shaw.

Jeremiah Shaw, Jr. was the father of sixteen children; ten daughters and six sons, including Francis Marion Shaw. Jeremiah was born 20 March, 1800, and as he approached his seventy-eighth year, he found it prudent to pen his last will and testament. The date was 31 October, 1877. His wife of fifty-one years, Rachel Horne, was in failing health, and died a week later, on 8 November, 1877. He must have thought himself that his time was short.

In his will he specified his desire for a Christian burial, sale and division of his property among his children and grandchildren, and identified two of his sons, William Jasper and Francis Marion, as the executors of his will.

However, good health persevered and two years later, on 5 December 1879, at the age of 79, Jeremiah married the widow Sarah L. Howard. But he pined for Rachel and compared his life with Sarah to his life with loving Rachel. Whether Sarah was really as inconsiderate as Jeremiah portrayed may be argued, but her status in his "modified" will left little doubt how she stood in Mr. Shaw's eyes.

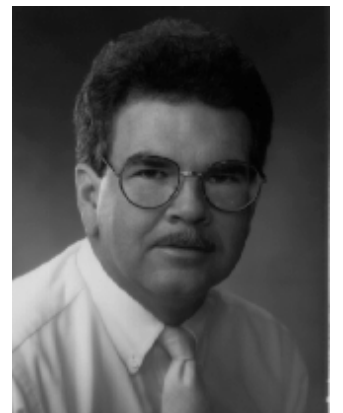
In the amended will, dated 22 January, 1883, Jeremiah states that one Sarah Howard Shaw "has refused to fulfill her marriage vows to love, serve, and obey me, neglecting to administer to my desires and wishes as a reasonable wife should do". He added insult to injury by specifying that Sarah receive only five dollars as just
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*Historical contributions are requested. Your family histories including character traits, religious affiliations, professional pursuits and vital information such as birth dates and places, marriage dates and places, and death dates and places, are all welcome. Photographs help make the newsletter come alive. If you have some special photos of your ancestors which you would like to share with all of the family, please make a copy print of it and send it on to the address below. Do not send the original photo unless you have no desire to have it returned. Send your non-returnable manuscripts and photo submissions to:
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**RACHEL HORNE SHAW,
LIFE-LONG COMPANION OF
JEREMIAH SHAW, JR., AND
MOTHER OF FRANCIS
MARION SHAW.**

Maternal ancestor of most of the Shaw families of Berrien and Lowndes counties. This editor has mistakenly suggested that she died almost eleven years prior to her husband, Jeremiah. However this error can be attributed to Jeremiah's purported death date of 1888, published in Huxford's Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia. It appears that the date was extracted from the tombstone of Jeremiah, which obscures the legibility of the 1883 date. Upon examination of the court documents, and execution of his will and settlement of his estate, it is clear that Jeremiah's accurate death date is 1883.

compensation for her brief sojourn with him.

In all likelihood, the second Mrs. Shaw was not around to feel the sharpness of the pen, and in all probability wasn't near his side at his death on 7 April, 1883.

Under the directions of the will of their father, William Jasper and Francis Marion went about the process of dividing the estate of Jeremiah Shaw, Jr.

They conducted a personal property sale on 17 May, 1883. Court records identify every item that was sold, what the purchase price was, and who purchased the item.

The record gives us a good idea of the possessions of a typical farm inhabitant in the late 1800s. It lists items that are functional and practical rather than decorative or frivolous. The prices range from five cents for a basket of sundries and pot irons to the most prized possession of any farmer, his mule, which sold for the hefty sum of \$105.00.

The purchases that the participants made indicate the separation of work assignments on the farm. The women bought household things for the home, while most of the purchases made by the men were for their farming application.

Most of the purchases were made by the children and in-laws of Jeremiah Shaw. Besides William Jasper and Francis Marion, there was also the son Elijah Shaw. The daughters and their husbands also participated; Ellen Shaw Sutton and S. J. Sutton, Irene Shaw Hughes, Mary Shaw McFadden and Jacob McFadden, Nancy Shaw Sirmans and Benjamin Sirmans, Matilda Shaw Moore and Jesse Moore (who was also a brother of Rachel Moore Allen Shaw). And neighbors, Mr. and Mrs David Clements and their son John, purchased a few items, and later became in-laws of Francis Marion Shaw.

The sale was recorded as listed here: (Spelling errors are not corrected)

Estate Sale of Jeremiah Shaw, Jr., decd.

W. J. Shaw	1	Saddle	4.25
Jessie Moore	1	Foot adz	1.00
Benj. Sirmans	6	Augurs	1.00
O. J. Sutton	2	Planes & Howell	.30
Jasper Shaw	2	Club axes	.60
J. W. Harrell	3	" "	.75
Ben Sirmans	2	Chop axes	.85
S. J. Sutton	1	Basket & Sundries	.20
" "	1	" " "	.05
" "	1	Vice	1.00
W. J. Shaw	1	lot swups & plows	.30
Jacob McFadden	2	Single trees	.30
S. J. Sutton	1	lot Guinlets	.70

Jacob McFadden	1	Hammer & Saw	.60
J. W. Harrell	1	Bucket and rope	.55
" "	1	pr Ox harnes	.10
S. J. Sutton	1	Tub & tricks	.20
W. J. Shaw	1	Big Gourd	.10
S. J. Sutton	1	Box tricks .20 Do	.15 .35
" "	1	Hammer & D. Knife	.45
F. M. Shaw	1	Wood Rasp	.25
L. F. Shaw	1	pr Balances	.65
S. J. Sutton	1	Box Sundries	.05
Mr. Billy McFadden	1	Grand Stone	.50
J. T. Carroll	1	Cav Bell	.85
Ben Sirmans	1	Set Flow Gran	.95
W. L. Swindle	1	Piece Leather	.45
B. H. Sirmans	1	X Cut Saw	2.25
Jessie Moore	1	Shovel	.60
W. J. Shaw	1	Branding Iron	.40
Jessie Moore	1	Hoe	.10
Ben Sirmans	1	Saddle	4.30
J. W. Harrell	1	lot Hickory	.25
Jacob McFadden	1	" "	.30
Mrs. Hughs	1	Basket	.55
		Grain Cradle	3.00 3.55
S. J. Sutton	1	Plow & Stock	.80
		Side Sadle	.00 .80
F. M. Shaw	1	Saddle	.55
S. J. Sutton	1	Cast Plow	1.00
Jacob McFadden	1	Pitch Fork	.90
W. L. Swindle	1	Rope	.05
Math Lindsey	1	Set Harness & C	.10
T. M. Ray		500 lb Oats	3.75
		436 lb Fodder	2.40 6.15

[unreadable entry]

Jeremiah Shaw's Est Continued

Amount Brot Forward			52.04
Mrs Hughs	5	bu Corn	3.50
T. M. Ray	5	" "	3.50
F. M. Shaw	11	" "	7.70
Ben Sirmans	1	Buggy	48.00
J. B. Moore	1	Horse Cart	25.00
W. J. Shaw	1	Sugar Mill	21.00
Mrs Hughs	1	Feather Bed & Furniture	10.50
Jessie Moore	1	Mattress "	5.25
Ben Sirmans	1	" "	5.00
Mrs Frazier	5	Bed Quilts	2.30
Mrs Hughs	1	Mattress & C 3.60	
		Counter Post 1.75	5.35
" Frazier	1	Counter pane	1.40
Mrs Frazier	1	Bed & Furniture	10.00
" McFadden	1	" " "	11.00
" "	1	" Stead	2.95
Ellen Sutton	1	Mattress & C 3.55	
		Desk Sidebord 1.50	5.05
S. J. Sutton	1	Bed Stead	2.55
" "	1	Looking Glass	.50
Mrs McFadden	1	" "	.15
" Hughs	1	" "	.10
Samuel Griner	1	pr Bridle reins	.50
Mrs Frazier	1	trunk	1.55
" Hughs	1	Shawl	2.80
Thos Ridgell	1	Shot Gun	7.30
Jacob McFadden	1	Pistol, case	5.00
Mrs Sutton	9	plates	.40
Ben Sirmans	1	Pitcher	.30
S. J. Sutton	1	Lot tinware	.80
	1	jar	.40 1.20

W. J. Shaw	1 Dish .30	.30
	Jessie Moore	1
" Pan .40		
	1 Bucket .60	1.00
Ben Sirmans	1 Dish	.25
Mrs. Frazier	1 Steak " .65	
	tin pan & cups .50	1.15
" Hughs	1 Flat dish	.35
" D. Clements	2 Bowls	.20
Wm Ray	1 lot Knives	
	forks & spoons	.25
F. M. Shaw	1 tin bucket & pot	.35
George Suttten	1 Bale Bucket	.20
Mrs Frazier	1 Jug & Honey	.45
M Lindsey	1 Jar	.35
J. T. Carroll	1 Bucket & Scales	.25
Mrs Jessee Moore	1 Dining table	3.50
S. J. Suttten	1 Bucket & dipper	.40
Mrs Suttten	1 Wash pan	.10
B. H. Sirmans	2 chair frames	1.20
John Clements	2 " "	.45
Mrs Ben Sirmans	2 " "	1.40
[unreadable entry]	1 . . . saddle bag	.10

Jeremiah Shaw's Est Continued
Amount Brot Forward 255.04

S. J. Suttten	1 Skinning Wheel	1.45
Ben Sirmans	1 Pot	.25
" "	1 "	.45
Mrs McFadden	1 Kettle	.50
M Lindsey	1 Oven	.40
Ben Sirmans	1 Spider	.60
Mrs Hughs	1 Skillet	.65
Mrs McFadden	1 Trivet	.50
S. J. Suttten	1 "	.40
" "	1 Tongs & Hooks	.45
Mrs Moore	1 pr Smoothing Irons	.45
Ben Sirmans	1 pr Fire dogs	2.00
David Clements	1 lifter	.15
M Lindsey	2 " pot hooks	.05
W. R. Shaw	1 Razor & Strap	.75
S. J. Suttten	1 "	1.25
J. T. Carroll	1 Well Bucket	.60
Aaron Parrish	24 head Sheep	72.00
Jessee Moore	1 pot	.80
W. J. Shaw	1 Wash Trough	.15
Jessee Moore	4 head Hogs	6.30
" "	1 Sow, 3 pigs, & 2 shoats	9.00
F. M. Shaw	9 head Hogs	17.00
" "	Hog Mark	2.75
Jerry Moore	1 Mule	105.00
James Clanton	1 Bridle	.95
Mrs Hughs	15 head stock cattle	94.50
E. M. Shaw	5 " " "	31.25
B. J. Connell	6 " " "	30.00
Mitch Hunter	6 " " "	32.10
J. E. Everett	5 " " "	30.25
Ben Sirmans	1 Cow & calf	16.75
E. J. Shaw	1 " "	10.55
" "	1 " "	15.55
Ben Sirmans	1 " "	18.75
Jessee Moore	1 " "	17.25
E. M. Shaw	1 " "	16.60
" "	1 " "	12.25
" "	1 " & yearling	15.00
	1 yearling	3.25 18.25



Jessee Moore	7 head Beef cattle	58.10
F. M. Shaw	Cow mark & brand	1.20
B. F. Shaw	Rent of land	
	1 year	14.50
	out patch	10.00
James Clanton	Total	\$911.17

Recorded May 17th 1883
W H Griffin, ordinary

In December of the same year, Francis Marion and his brother, William Jasper, being joint executors of the estate, sold the following land parcels from Jeremiah's estate, terms being 1/3 cash, 2/3 in 12 months time:	
Part of lots #449 & 500 in the 10th District Berrien County to W. J. Shaw	1055.00
Part of lot # 500 in the 10th District Berrien County to Marion Shaw	160.00
Part of lot #200 in the 10th District Berrien County to W. B. Rowan	590.50
Part of lot #200 in the 10th District Berrien County to H. K. Frazier	395.00
	<u>\$2200.50</u>

However, by September of 1887, the terms of the sale to Mr. Frazier were not complied with and that land was sold to James H. Rowan for \$300.00

The property and wealth that took Jeremiah Shaw, Jr. eighty-three years to accumulate, took only a few hours to dispose of. But the legacy that he left behind was extensive. He fathered sixteen children, his descendants now number in the thousands. He was a deeply religious man, one of the first organizers of the Pleasant Baptist Church, the oldest Primitive Baptist Church in Berrien County. He moved his membership to the Union Baptist Church in Lakeland, and upon his death, was buried in that

**FINAL RESTING PLACE OF
JEREMIAH SHAW, JR.,
AND HIS WIFE,
RACHEL HORNE SHAW**

Upon the death of Jeremiah Shaw, Jr., he was laid to rest next to Rachel Horne Shaw, his wife of fifty-one years. Their headstones are separated by the base of another marker, which was either a family marker, or possibly a long-removed marker of their son, John H. Shaw, who died in 1861 at the age of 18. The graves are located south east of the small covered shelter directly west of the large pine in front of the Union (Burnt) Baptist Church. They are much smaller than they appear in the photograph.

ANNOUNCING
THE 3RD
ANNUAL
**FRANCIS
MARION
SHAW**
FAMILY
REUNION

Sunday,
August 11, 1996
10:00 A.M.
Ray City Senior
Citizen Center

Set this date aside in
your summer plans.

If you are a descendant or relative
of these families, you have a great
heritage that you are a part of:

Descendants of
Francis Marion Shaw
and Rachel Moore
Allen Shaw

Francis Arthur Shaw
Ida Jane Parrish
Jesse 'Doc' Shaw
Effie C. Clements
Lacy Lester Shaw
Chester D. Shaw

Brodie Shaw
Charles Brumer Shaw
Bernard T. Shaw
Lowndes W. Shaw
Brooker Hodges Shaw

Essie Daisy Giddens
Lessie Lenora Gaskins
Lacy Leon Parrish
Guy Marvin Parrish

Cora Aline Griffin
Beatrice E. Carter
Marvin S. Shaw
Charlie J. Shaw
F. W. M. Shaw
Buford T. Shaw
Mary Idyll Ennis
Henry Gribbon Shaw

Claude Clements
Minnie' Sirmons
Burie Webster Clements
Gus Clements
Idelle Clements

Aubrey Shaw
Elmer Atwood Shaw
Cleo Shaw
Clyde Shaw
Curtis Shaw

Chester D. Shaw, Jr.

Descendants of
Barzilla Allen and
Rachel Moore Allen

William B. Allen
John Levi Allen
Eliza Allen Knight

Marcus L. Allen
Rosetta Allen Weaver
John Thomas Allen
Willie Marion Allen
Lillie V. Allen Young
Chester Edgar Allen
Letha Allen Patten

Mae Allen
Collis Allen
Mittie Allen
Frank Allen

Mansfield Knight
Effie Knight Guthrie
Leland Knight
Ada Knight Gaskins
Fanny Knight Gaskins
Rossie Knight
Lena Knight Hickman
Kathleen Swindle
Rachael Knight Chism

OUR FAMILY HISTORY

A Research Report

Since my first visit to Georgia in 1992, I have spent hundreds of hours trying to acquaint myself with the family of Francis Marion Shaw and Rachel Moore Allen Shaw. As I gleaned the nuggets of information from records, letters, and personal accounts, I have attempted to share our family history through this newsletter.

Previous issues have introduced us to Francis Marion and Rachel, Francis Marion's Civil War record, and four of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw's six children; Francis Arthur Shaw, Ida Jane Parrish, Jesse Shelby 'Dock' Shaw, and Effie Cordelia Clements. Issues have also shared love letters of Chester David Shaw, death papers of Francis Marion, and the pilgrim heritage of Rachel.

Each one of these issues was a result of conscious efforts of many family members to bring the details of their ancestors together in a single record for all to share. As editor of this publication, I offer my love, talents and circumstance to provide a means to bring this information together in a central family archive. My desire is to have everyone share their history willingly and openly.

I will continue to contact various branches of the family, research court and personal records and catalog photographs. But the searches are getting more difficult and time consuming. The nuggets are not so much on the surface, nor appear so often.

In the summer of 1995 I focused most of my research time on the Rachel Allen family members; William B., John L., and Eliza Knight. I spent several hours interviewing and sorting through albums of Minnie Allen, Hazel Lewis, William Powell, and Lee Franklin Davis. Each one had a wealth of information, and was most congenial to me. I have also interviewed Kathleen Swindle on several occasions, with the same response. I hope that I can start featuring Allen ancestors in the newsletter in the near future.

The two children of Francis Marion that have not been featured in the newsletter, Lacy Lester Shaw and Chester David Shaw, have been particularly difficult to detail. Most of the memories of family members has been lost with recent deaths.

I spent three days just trying to locate details and photos of Chester Shaw's

second wife, Ava Moore, only to come up empty handed, except for some wonderful visits and friendships.

Jimmy Shaw has spent untold hours organizing vital dates and photographs of the Lacy Shaw family. We spent a day together following the movements of Lacy from Berrien to Lowndes County. I hope we will have enough historical information to feature an issue on Lacy Lester Shaw later this year.

As I have interviewed and corresponded with members of all of the families, I have found several common threads that run through out. Many cousins went into law enforcement. Some into teaching. Others into grocery and mercantile. I would like to do a feature on each of those pursuits.

Our family, like all families, has its squabbles. Some were petty, others more severe, but all affected the family organization. I would like to do an issue discussing family rifts, not to dredge up old bones, but to understand why family members drifted apart, and give us all an opportunity to reflect on our own family solidarity.

I hope you will share with me your thoughts, recollections, and photographs pertaining to these subjects. Any assistance will be appreciated and credited where desired.

I certainly shouldn't overlook the great accomplishment of this family to renew itself at the Francis Marion Shaw Family Reunion. The first one, two years ago, was an historic event. The second reunion, held last year, exceeded the attendance of the first. Probably the highlight of the 1995 reunion was the number of family units represented. New faces were welcomed into the fold. Effie Clements descendants were well represented as were Lacy Shaw's. And the Allens are increasing.

The family photo chart is filling up and each family in attendance received an organizational picture book that can be updated each year. It is also a model of what each family can do to organize their own record.

In closing, may I express my deepest appreciation to each of you. You have been so kind to me, opening your homes and your hearts. When I get discouraged with the pace, I am buoyed up by the numerous friends and family that I have made friends with in such a short moment of time.

—Bryan Lee Shaw