

CORRESPONDENCE OF:

DeFrance (D.F.) McCormack  
Jackson, Mississippi

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HUSBAND'S NAME

DE FRANCE ("D.F.", "JACK", "MAC") McCORMACK

Date

When Born 17 Aug 1905

Where

Compiler

When Died

Where

Address

When Buried

Where

City State

When Married

Where

This information obtained from

Other Wives  
Number 1,2, etc.

His Father William Floyd McCORMACK

His Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Florence TURNAGE

His Grandfather William Henry TURNAGE

His Grandmother Nancy Ann BEDSOLE

DE FRANCE McCORMACK, 1972

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

ALMA C.

CRAPPS

When Born

Where

When Died

Where

When Buried

Where

1965 Jackson, Miss

Other Husbands  
Number 1,2, etc.

1971 "

Her Father

Her Mother's Maiden Name

Her Grandfather

Her Grandmother

1991 Ridgeland, Miss

Male or Female	CHILDREN (In order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED	MARRIED
		Day	Month	Year	City	County	State or Country		
M	1 John Francis McCORMACK			192			Miss		Who _____ When _____
	2			19			"		Who _____ When _____
	3			19			"		Who _____ When _____
M	4 McCORMACK			19			"		Who JEANNETTE SMITH When _____
	5			19			"		Who _____ When _____
	6			19			"		Who _____ When _____
	7			19			"		Who _____ When _____
	8			19			"		Who _____ When _____
M	9 McCORMACK			1945			"		Who N.M. mentally retarded When _____
	10								Who _____ When _____
	11								Who _____ When _____
	12								Who _____ When _____
	13								Who _____ When _____
	14								Who _____ When _____

1973, DeFRANCE ("D.F."; "JACK") McCORMACK was elected Mayor of  
Ridgeland, Mississippi, a suburb of the state capital of Jackson,  
in May, 1973.

Natchez Trace  
Tupelo, Miss.  
April 13, 1963

Dear Mac:

Last week in Montgomery, while Mac was tending to some public relations, I had a little time on my hands. In the State Archives I checked the 1860 Census for Barbour County, Alabama, but found no William Henry Turnage. I did find a Carney Turnage and a William "McCormick", and B. B. "McCormick", and here are their census returns:

(Family 1405, p. 179) Western Division  
Carney Turnage 53 M Farmer N.C.  
Ann 26 F Ga.  
Philip 20 M N.C.  
Louisa 11 F Ala.  
Willy 11 M Ala.  
Moses 7 M "  
Julia 5 F "  
Mary 2 F "  
Malissa 6/12 F "

(Family 1172, p. 149)  
B. B. McCormick 24 M Carpenter Ala.  
Belana 19 F Ga.

(Family 244, p. 38 of Clayton Beat)  
William McCormick 42 M Merchant N.C.  
Ann 41 F Ga.  
John D. 20 M Bookkeeper Ala.  
George C. 16 M Clerk in store "  
Wm. E. 12 M "  
Henry L. (or V.) 5 M "  
James A. 3 M "  
James E. 25 M N.C.

I'm very sorry I can offer you only this small haystack, without a single needle. Better luck next time. Our best regards to you and Alma.

Sincerely,



1221 Clay Street  
Vicksburg, Miss.  
June 25, 1965

D. F. McCormack  
Rt. 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Miss. 39213

Dear Mr. McCormack,

As a subscriber to the Genealogical Helper, I read with interest your query about Turnages in Mississippi in the June 65 issue.

My husband's great-grandmother was Julia (Lanier) Nevels, b. about 1849 in Mississippi.

Her parents were William Thomas Lanier (b. about 1825 in N.C.) and Hanna (Turnage) Lanier (b. about 1825 in either N.C. or Miss.; I have conflicting reports about place of her birth).

Wm. Lanier and Hanna Turnage married about 1846, place unknown. They are listed in 1860 census of Jefferson County, Mississippi. Do you think they are related to your Turnages in any way? Would enjoy hearing from you. In my future searches if I learn more about our Turnages, I'll be glad to exchange information with you.

Sincerely,

*Rosal K. Nevels*

Mrs. Wayne Q. Nevels

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*William Riley Turnage (born 1839  
Wilcox Co. Ala) had one brother  
Henry) Their father. William  
Turnage, married Rebecca Moody,  
where was this William  
born?*

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Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
*27 June 1965*

Mrs. Wayne Q. Nevels  
1221 Clay Street  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Nevels:

Thank you for your letter of June 25. When I started work on the Turnage genealogy I considered it an uncommon name, but the more I learn the more I realize that Turnages are plentiful. Not too many months ago, Elmer Turnage, 180 Alabama Street, Spartanburg, S. C., visited my home in quest of information on some Alabama Turnages (of Wilcox and Coffee counties), and he had with him a large volume that contained hundreds of Turnages over the entire country. I tried to trade him out of the book but he simply would not part from it. He may be able to help you find your Hanna. Then, too, there are Turnages living in Jefferson County at present who may be of help. I've never called on them, but the next time I pass through Fayette, I'll make some inquiries for you, if you wish.

All of the Turnages that I know about came from North Carolina. They were there before the Revolution. I believe my line came from Pitt Co. They stopped in Alabama for a "spell" then moved into Mississippi after the Civil War. Carney Turnage, my grandfather's brother moved to Yazoo County, Mississippi, before the 1870 U. S. Census, and my grandfather, William Henry Turnage, followed later. Carney was living in Barbour Co., Alabama when the 1860 census was made. I do not know where in Alabama my grandfather lived but he did marry my grandmother there. They lived out their lives in Yazoo County.

Frankly, I have put almost all my research and search efforts on the McCormack line, with the thought of completing it then working on my mother's line. My mother was Nannie Florence Turnage. She and my father, William Floyd McCormack, married in Yazoo County 2 December 1891.

Nevertheless, I'll keep an open eye for your needed information and if I do run across something of importance, I'll be sure to let you know.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack McCormack*  
D. E. (Jack) McCormack



Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
11 February 1966

Miss Frances Turnage  
318 Panola Street  
Water Valley, Mississippi

Dear Miss Turnage:

Thank you for writing me February 9. I am very happy to learn that you are interested in search work on the Turnage line. My mother was Nannie Florence Turnage, of Yazoo County, Mississippi. She and my father, William Floyd McCormack, married in Yazoo County on 2 Dec. 1891. Regrettably, my parents died long before I became interested in writing an account of our family lines, and it is therefore necessary for me to do considerable searching to ferret out needed information.

Since writing the query for the newspaper, I have learned that Carney Turnage was my great grandfather; William Henry Turnage was my grand father. In addition to William Henry, Carney Turnage's children were: Philip, born in N. C. in 1840; Louise, b in Ala.; Wiley b in Ala.; Moses, b in Ala.; Julia, b in Ala.; Mary, b in Ala.; Carney, b in Ala.; Viola, b in Ala.; Salley F., b in Miss.; and Morning, b in Miss. According to the ages of his children, Carney moved his family from Barbour County, Alabama, to Yazoo County, Mississippi, between the years 1866-68.

I trust this will be helpful information for you. I may be of more help if you will <sup>give me</sup> as much data as possible on your family. I hope to eventually work up a history of our Turnage line back as far as the American Revolution.

The 1880 Census of Yazoo County listed my grand parent's family:

Turnage, W. H.	48 M	farmer	b	N. C.
Nancy	43 F	wife	b	Ala.
Thomas	14 M	son	b	"
Loula	12 F	dau.	b	"
Sam	6 M	son	b	Miss.
Henry	3 M	"	b	Miss.
Florence	1 F	dau.	b	"

I believe, however, my mother told me that Henry was younger than she; it therefore appears an error was made in listing Henry's and Florence's ages.

Sincerely,

D. F. McCormack

Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
22 February 1968

Mrs. A. M. Robinson  
501 Durham Street  
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Thank you for your query of February 20 concerning Zachariah Taylor Turnage. In my search of the North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi records, I am sorry to say, I have not run across this particular Turnage. My great grandfather, Carney Turnage, was born in North Carolina in 1807 or 1805 according to census records. I have not located his home county in N. C., but the 1850 Cunsus of Barbour County, Alabama, gives this listing:

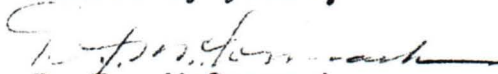
Kerney Turnage	45	M	Farmer born in N. C.
Eliza	35	F	" " "
Martha	18	F	" " "
William	15	M	" " " (my grandfather)
Nancy	12	F	" " "
Philip	10	M	" " Ala.
Louisa	4	F	" " "
Wiley	2	M	" " "

There were also listed a David Turnage, age 24, and his wife, Caroline, age 21, in the same census of Barour County. I have been told that Turnages from N. C. also settled in Coffee County, Alabama, and then some of their descendants came on to South Mississippi. My Turnages, however, settled in Yazoo County, Miss., following the Civil War.

There were Turnages in Georgia. John Turnage witnessed a land deed in Franklin County, Ga., in 1797; and there was a William Turnage, age 13, attending school in 1830 in Jones County, Ga. These two Turnage names are the only data I have of the turnages in Georgia. Perhaps this may provid a clue for you to look into in the two Georgia counties.

I am sorry to say that I do not know anything about the Morris nor Stevens families. If I should run into their names or should find other information helpful to you, I'll certainly let you kbow about it.

Sincerely yours,

  
D. F. McCormack



Bastrop, Louisiana  
February 29, 1968

Dear Mr. McCormick,

You know I think I just might be related to you through the Turnage lineage. My grandfather Carpenter married Winnfred Ann Stevenson and their oldest son was named "Phillip Ralph". And my Carpenters came to Yazoo City, Miss, from Greene Co. Ala from Nash Co. and Brunswick Co. Va. and I have found a Henry Jr. & Henry Sr. Morris in Brunswick Co. Va. So I am just wondering about all these people and if they all trecked down together. As families did back in those days. Also, we had a Wiley Stevenson in the Stevenson line. And his name may have come from the Turnage families.

Thanks for the Georgia notes, they just may be the ones, they sound like it. My Zachariah Taylor Turnage was born in Virginia, so the family was pretty late out of Virginia, and this could be what was later from Brunswick County Virginia and North Carolina. In other words, all of Granville County, N.C. was once Brunswick Co. Va. So with out a doubt you need to check Granville Co. N.C. and then Brunswick Co. Va. I believe all these people will go back to Mass.

Well, so for so good, thanks for writing, watch for me and I will do same for you. I have found much more on my lines by working with the many "obbiests" than any other way.

Sincerely,

*Shirley D. ...*

Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
13 October 1968

Dear Mrs. Sayers,

I regret that I do not remember the name of the Turnage family history I told you about in my last letter. Elmer Turnage, 180 Alabama Street, Spartanburg, S. C. had the book in his possession. You may write him. If he answers, please pass the information on to me. I have simply failed to write Elmer.

My Carney Turnage married at least twice. The 1860 census of Barbour County, Alabama; Family Number 1405, page 179, Western Division:

Turnage, Carney	53m	Farmer	b N. C.
" Ann	26f		b Ga.
" Phillip	20m		b N. C. <i>1840</i>
" Louisa	14f		b Ala.
" Wiley	11m		b "
" Moses	7m		b "
" Julia	5f		b "
" Mary	2f		b "
" Malissa	6/12f		b "

This is the last information I have about Phillip. You will also notice that my grandfather, William Henry, is missing. Probably already married and living in another county. Carney Turnage moved his family to Yazoo County, Miss., about 1867 according to the birth data in the 1870 census. My grandfather did not show in the 1870 census; according to 1880 census information, he arrived in Yazoo about 1872.

I should appreciate learning the year Carney visited Kentucky. I am unable to locate him in the 1830 or 1840 census.

Sorry that I do not know of a Donohue in the Turnage family, but for all I know the Turnage wives, my grandmother could have been a Donohue. There are Donohues living in my County but they came here from Henry County, Ga., I have been told; in the 1840s.

Could this be your James? James Turnage 525 acres on 1780 tax list in District #6, Green County, N. C., n. of Great Contentnea cr. from Hookerton, Maury vicinity & west to near Snow Hill. Also, there was a James Turnage listed in the 1830 Census of Craven Co., N.C. page 113: 1m under 5; 1m 10-15; 1m 50-60; 2f under 5; 1f 5-10; 1f 10-15 1f 15-20; 1f 40-50.

Sincerely,

  
D. F. McCormack



Harrisburg, Illinois  
October 27-68

Mr D. F. McCormick  
Route 3 Box 217  
Jackson Mississippi

39213

Dear Sir:

The Turnage book was called **The Trail Blazers**.  
I have had some correspondence with a Mr. **Emmett Turnage**.  
The book has been out of print for years and I did try  
to borrow it from a library that was supposed to have a  
copy- they said they did not have it.

Perhaps it was not Carney Turnage that came to Kentucky-  
as since I wrote you- I looked at some of the letters I  
have and it seems to be Elisha- and this Elisha had made  
trips including one to Kentucky- which they said he made  
mention of. This Elisha was the parent of a Carn- Turnage  
and I suppose that is Carney- Elisha was married twice  
according to the letter and he had others than - Carn.  
Vashti who married a Dowell.

The second marriage of Elisha Turnage- was to a widow  
by the name of Rebecca Allen. This marriage had- Kisanna  
and Mary and Minerva also a William B. Turnage.

There was not a single date given in the letter from this  
elderly lady. I do hope that there will be something  
turn up somewhere- in the allied lines- that will show  
the parents of James Turnage born 1794-

Perhaps with help- we can tie all of the twenty-two-  
children of Old William of Cheraw- together. I wonder  
about that- all the sons and the fact that there must



be hundreds of grandsons.

The James Phillip Turnage married a Donohoe- spelling varies- but a Donohoe family lived near Luke Turnage in Marlboro county and I had hoped for something- but nothing came of that.

They called the first one- Jimmy and the other one Phillip- but my ancestor that married E. Donohoe- (the daughter of James and Delila Donohoe of S. Car.) was called JAMES PHILLIP Turnage by all of us.

Thank you so very much for writing.

*Mrs E L Gaynes  
1008 S. Webster  
Harrisburg - Illinois*

Chesterfield county records were destroyed - I am told. The brother of the Donohoe girl- when he died- the statistics show- born in Chesterfield co. S. C. The name was either J or I Donohoe- could not make out the initial. He was nine years older than Elizabeth and therefore not her father- he was blind and in the household of Elizabeth and James P. Turnage- he died later and when the forms were filled out- they show birth- as Chesterfield.

*I got the reports to some one - perhaps it was to Mrs. Sayers.*

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Route ~~2~~ Box ~~217~~  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
24 November 1968

Dear Mrs. Sayers:

I do appreciate your prompt answer to my last letter and I have been trying to locate something that would be helpful to you in your Turnage search but so far I haven't found a thing to report about James Phillip nor the Donohoes. Although my Turnages came from North Carolina, I collected some information on the S. C. clan:

1790 Census of S. C. - John Turnage, 96th District, Edgefield Co.  
Charity " " " " "  
William " Cheraw District.

I haven't checked the 1800, 1810, nor the 1820 census of S. C., but because of having asked for a Civil War Record on my grandfather, William Henry Turnage, Alabama, I was sent one on William H. Turnage of Chesterfield, S. C. He enlisted at Cherew on May 1, 1862, and was discharged from Co. D, 21st Reg., S. C. after Dec. 1864. The National Archives sent me 19 returns or reports on him during his time in the Service. I never received a report on my gr. father, probably because he was in the Confederate Navy and they could not find a report.

So, I went ahead and searched the 1830 census of Chesterfield Co., S.C.:

Page 265-  
Luke Turnage  
lm 15 to 20 yrs.  
lm 50 to 60 "  
lf under 5 "  
lf 15 to 20 "  
lf 40 to 50 "  
lf over 105 " ! !

William Turnage  
lm 5 to 10 "  
lm 10 to 15 "  
lm 15 to 20 "  
lm 50 to 60 "  
lf under 5 "  
lf 10 to 15 "  
lf 15 to 20 "  
lf 30 to 40 "

Page 266-  
John Turnage  
2m under 5 yfs  
2m 5 to 10 "  
2m 10 to 15 "  
2m 15 to 20 "  
lm 40 to 50 "  
lf 20 to 30 "  
lf 40 to 50 "  
lf 70 to 80 " !

Page 267-  
Richard Turnage  
2m under 5 "  
2m 5 to 10 "  
lm 40 to 50 "  
lf 5 to 10 "  
lf 30 to 40 "

If I should run into something I think important to you, I'll surely let you know. I am at a dead-end on my Carney Turnage, but I haven't really dug into the N. C. records - which I intend to do one of these days.

My very best wishes for a very good Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely,

*D. F. McCormack*

*Please return to:*  
D. F. MCCORMACK



Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
16 October 1968

Mrs. A. M. Robinson  
501 Durham Street  
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

If I did not answer your last letter, please forgive me. I haven't enjoyed the best health and I have therefore neglected much of my correspondence.


Since receiving your last letter, however, I have dug into my files and elsewhere to try to locate something that would be helpful to you. In my letter to you in February, I gave you the 1850 census listing of my gr. grandfather and his family of Barbour County, Ala., but I find that he was in that County in 1860 also and that he had re-married sometime during the ten years from 1850 to 1860: Family Number 1405, page 179, Western Division--

Turnage, Carney	53m	Farmer	b N. C.
Ann	26f		b Ga.
Phillip	20m		b N. C.
Louisia	11f		b Ala.
Wiley	11m		b "
Moses	7f		b "
Julia	5f		b "
Mary	2f		b "
Malissa	6/12		b "

My grandfather, William Henry, is missing in this census, so I presume him married and living in another county. This is the last mention I have of Phillip, whose name did not appear in the 1870 Yazoo Census of Carney's family. His family had continue to grow, though, and these names were added: L. E., 8f; Carney, 6m; Viola, 4f; Salley F., 2f; and Morning, 1/12f. Last two having been born in Mississippi. I did find a Turnage family living in Leake County, Miss., in the 1850 Census, who was from Georgia. All the first names were listed by initials, however: E. Turnage 53m b Ga.; wife, R. Turnage 50f b S.C., and seven children from 18 yrs. down to 6 years. were born in Miss.

My grandfather married ~~Mary (Montgomery)~~ Elizabeth Hearn of Holmes County, Miss., in 1865. Elizabeth's parents were John and Mary (Montgomery) Hearn of S. C. In the 1850 census of Holmes County, Mary Montgomery Hearn gave Tenn. as her place of birth. Do you have any information on the Hearn and Montgomerys of S. C., Tenn., or Ms.? I should appreciate any help.

Sincerely,

  
D. F. McCormack

Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
November 18, 1970

Mrs. Bill M. Turnage  
10324 Trailcliff Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

Dear Mrs. Turnage:

I received your query today, and I am happy to hear from you because I believe your Turnages originated in North Carolina as did mine. I fear, however, I can not answer your specific questions concerning Clin Payton Turnage's ancestors, but here are some clues which might be helpful to you:

George Turnage and James Turnage were heads of families in the 1840 census of Memphis, Tenn.

The 1830 Census of Green County, North Carolina, listed these Turnage names as heads of families:  
Page 232, William; William Jn. Page 234, John.  
Page 236, Lewis. Page 240, Blaney. Page 244, Daras.  
Page, 249, Luke. Page 250, Elizabeth; Mary.

I am at dead end with my gr. grandparents, Carney and Elizabeth Turnage who first showed in the 1850 Census of Barbour Co., Ala:

Kerney Turnage	45M	Farmer	Born	North	Carolina
Eliza	"	35F wife	"	"	"
Martha	"	18F dau.	"	"	"
William**	"	15M son	"	"	"
Nancy	"	12F dau.	"	"	"
Phillip	"	10M son	"	"	Alabama
Louise	"	4F dau.	"	"	"
Wiley	"	2M son	"	"	"

\*\*My grandfather whose full name was William Henry Turnage. He married in Alabama and followed his father to Yazoo County, Miss., soon after the War Between the States. Although Phillip was listed as a native of Alabama I am unable to locate the family in the 1840 census of that State.

I regret I can not help you further, but if you have questions about any of the above listed name in the Carney Turnage family I may be able to help you. I should greatly appreciate any clue concerning the parents of Carney or Elizabeth Turnage.



Re: Turnage

Mr. D. Francis M. Carmack  
 Rt 3, Box 217  
 Jackson, Miss  
 39213

his Fa? William

Name of My: Gr. Grand father  
 2. Wm. Geo. Turnage  
 Born: 28 Jan. 1832  
 Where Born: Lipton Co. Tenn  
 Married: 9 Dec 1857  
 Died: 23 Aug 1889  
Lee, Arkansas

Name of My: ?  
 4. Isaac W. Turnage  
 Born: .....  
 Where: .....  
 Married: .....  
 Died: .....

<sup>husbands</sup>  
 Name of My: Grand father

Oliver Payne Turnage Sr.  
 Born: 1865  
 Where: Lipton Co. Tenn. or Bee Ark. Lee Co.  
 Married: .....

Name of My: see. mass  
 5. Patsy Bell Purity Gibson  
 Born: .....  
 Where: .....  
 Died: 23 Nov. 1833  
Lipton Co. Tenn.

Name of My: .....  
 3. Sally Ann Melton  
 Born: 19 Nov. 1836  
 Where: .....  
 Died: .....

Name of My: .....  
 6. Henry Melton  
 Born: .....  
 Where: .....  
 Married: .....  
 Died: .....

Name of My: .....  
 7. Joanna Brooks  
 Born: .....  
 Where: .....  
 Died: .....

Dear Friend or Relative:

I am interested in gathering the history of my family.....  
 My earliest three generations are given above. I am trying to find the parents of any of the above ancestors; also any additional information concerning them.

I need your help for information on your branch of the family. It may be that your family connects with mine. Please write the information that concerns your family on the reverse side of this sheet and return to me as soon as is convenient.

If you know other persons who may be able to assist in this search, I will appreciate having their names and addresses (write them at the side).

If you are interested in the history or records of these families, I would be glad to share with you what I already have.

Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Sincerely,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Bill M. Turnage

NATH DAR, Vol. # 147134

Wm Turnage (1741-1823) - Patric S.C.  
Born in Fredericksburg Va. died Chesterfield S.C.  
(Spottsylvania Co) m Mary

3. Wm Turnage m \_\_\_\_\_ Cola (B-1755)  
2. Henry ~ (179-1842) m \_\_\_\_\_

1. Henry Michael Jr. (1824-1909) m (Eliz. Tucker (1828-1912)) (1848)

-of H:

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Hope this helps

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 (Spottsylvania Co) m Henry  
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Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
December 15, 1970

Dear Mrs. Turnage,

It is indeed kind of you to send me the Turnage information from Goodspeed's History of Tennessee. Some years ago, Elmer Turnage of South Carolina visited with me and he had a sizeable volume, hardback book, on the Turnages of Virginia, North Carolina and elsewhere, that gave considerable information. Because of his limited time, I did not thoroughly examine the book which, I believe I am right, was titled The Trail Blazers. At that time, I was fresh in the genealogical search work and did not give full importance to the fact I was privileged to see a rare book. I have tried to locate a copy with <sup>out</sup> success. Elmer said that he had borrowed the book.

The best information I have about the Turnages is what I retained from my early age when my mother would tell me interesting and exciting stories about her forebears. I remember that some of her stories told of sea captains and that her own father was in the Confederate Navy. I haven't been able to document his service. I wrote the Washington archives and got a copy of William Henry Turnage's service in South Carolina but it was not my grandfather's record. It was the only Willinam Henry Turnage they had on file, I was told. I am enclosing the documents (copies) for what they might be worth to you.

My wish is for you and yours a very Merry and Happy Christmas and all that is good for the coming New Year.

Sincerely yours,

  
D. F. McCormack

Mrs. Bill M. Turnage  
10324 Trailcliff Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238



Christmas  
1921

Jack, There is a Miss Surrage (I forgot her given name) who lives at Isola - The way I know about her, is through the fact that Gemme and Jessie lived at Belzoni and when Jessie was sick, and died two years ago, this past November. She came to see them and sent flowers to the funeral - I didn't meet her - She is Uncle Buel Surrage's (and I've heard Dady talk about him so much

he was Dady's and Aunt Florence's uncle) daughter or granddaughter - But Gemme didn't know her of course - she came to see them and told him who she is, and told him a lot about the family. Do you know any thing about her or, have you ever seen her? I would love to meet her.

I know where Grandmother Surrage's Bible and big picture is - (with Mable Courts (uncle Percy and Aunt Emma Smith's adopted daughter) over around ~~Saint~~ Maehansburg some where, he should go get it -

Aunt Ellie Surrage (uncle Henry's last wife) was

buried about a month ago - Buried her  
in Yazoo City by her first husband (Purvis Fulcher)  
so I understand - I didn't know it until a  
week or two afterwards - I mean that all of that  
family gone - Aunt Annie, Aunt Ellie, Uncle Henry,  
Daddy and John Henry - that just leaves in our  
Lumma family, you, and Daddy 13 children  
Bernie is in the VA Hospital in Biloxi  
Park at Chatawa - Me in Jackson, also Nan  
Zee - ~~at~~ Cali, Naomi - Jackson, James  
also - Alfred - La. Deata there at Ridgeland  
Deata Wasson (R.B) Tel 856-6037) I don't know - I  
haven't seen her in several years. The last time I  
saw her and told her about you all there and  
our Cousin - she was so delighted and said she  
was going to get in touch with you. I've  
never known if she did or not, I never see her,  
and you might say hardly know her - Dec, Dady and  
her mother separated when she was about 6 months  
old and I never saw her again until she  
was grown and married, she really seems to be a  
sweet person Every body who knows her says  
she is a lovely person -



Abbie Dee (Adams) is in Clinton (Post Road)  
Hellen (Hoad) in Corington La. Beaster at  
Laurel - and old Porter (Vandener) still out  
Close to Benton Miss - That gets us - I hope  
I got 13. If I left one out dont tell them I  
dont want them to know I forgot them.

What about Henry and Jais Wires. I allways  
loved Emma, but I cant believe I remember  
Jais wife. I may, but I cant place her -

You all come to see me -

I love you

Lula

Alma This letter is to you too - When I  
addressed the card I didnt think I had time  
to write a letter but I happen to think  
of our Cousin at Laoka and I wanted to  
know if you two had ever heard of her -  
I havent finished my Christmas shopping. The  
weather has been so bad and I guess I re had the  
flu. Since Thanksgiving - Oh how I feel sick with  
it will go to Tenn. Christmas to see the children  
and grandchildren.

Sept. 28, 1972

Dear Mac,

Gee, it was great to hear from today. I knew if I didn't sit down and write tonight I might not get around to it....I am bad about writing letters.

In the '60's my husband and I were having great trouble. He lost his business thru a fire - a rice dryer loaded with 28,000 barrels of rice - Sept. 10, 1965. Then he tried to rebuild and everything went against him - mainly because he was having a mental break down. Went in the hospital in '68 and stayed in and out for two years. He still can't live around Beaumont because it depresses him. So Mark, our adopted son, and I now live on the farm.

Why in the world didn't you look in the phone book. There are several Turnage's listed. Daddy was still living then. He would have loved to talk to you. I have tried to talk to one of the other Turnages but you would have thought I was trying to get a loan from them, so I have not tried the others. Daddy had to talk to some - but their/our Sally and Julia had different last names.

and

Saturday.

I knew if I didn't get this written it would take awhile. The phone rang off the wall and then my son called for me to get him at school.

Have you gotten a copy of our great-greatgrandfather's will? If so, how can I get it? As you could tell from the page that I filled out, I know nothing of lineage papers and etc. Do you have anything further back than him. I can bring you up to date as to myself - the only child of CT + which by the way, he added a J. in front of his name. His father ask him where he got it and Daddy told him that he didn't like just one name and he added James.

My husband and I use to travel alot, but since he has been ill we haven't been anywhere. I do go to Phoenix once a year for a Shaklee convention as I sell their products. Got into it as a last resort - to get my mind occupied and to make enough money for the boy and me to live on.

Would love for you to visit us. We always wind up taking our quest to our home in Austin - really outside of town at Lake Travis It is so pretty up there and we have plenty of room for a family reunion. Will look forward to hearing from you and come when you can.

Sincerely

*Marjorie*

Marjorie T. Steinbagen

(MARJORIE A. TURNAGE, daughter of  
JAMES CAENEY TURNAGE)



Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39217  
October 19, 1972

Dear Marjorie,

I am happy you answered my letter. I have a stack of letters that rightfully should have been answered weeks ago but because of my new-found cousin I am answering your nice letter first. You would be surprised at the number of people that write me for information, and, some way or the other, I can not refuse to let them know whether or not I have an answer to their particular question. I do it even though I am just as bad about writing letters as you are. At times, it takes more than a lot of know-how for me to let some of the folks know that I did get their letters.

I am sorry to hear about your husband losing his business. I can imagine what a shock that was to him and to you, too. I have found that there is something everyone's life to bug him - if he will let it do it. Alma and I reared nine children; eight are married and doing well - some even better than we did - but there was a cross in our lives. We have a mentally retarded son who is 27 years of age and who still lives with us. We have to watch him every minute of the day and part of the night but we can not stand the thought of putting him in an institution where he might not get the desired attention to keep him well and happy. That is the reason we can not go and do the things other retired people do; we have to take him with us and he does not like to travel long distances. I would like to tell you about my children and their accomplishments but I know it would be tiring to you, so I'll wait until we meet perhaps. Alma simply loves to tell about our youngsters - I say youngster with a certain reservation because John Francis is in his early 40s.

No, I did not get a copy of our Gr. grandfather's will because I copped the important items from it. The next time I visit Yazoo County Court House I try to get Xerox copies of it and send you one, but right now I do not know when I have a chance to go back to Yazoo. My guess is that the copy will cost about \$1, and if you are in a hurry for a copy you can write to the Chancery Clerk and ask for a copy of Carney Turnage's will that is listed in Docket 2, page 262, File Number 1008. I have nothing further back than the 1850 Census of Barbour County, Alabama, wherein he and his family were listed. I have really tried to make a connection in North Carolina but without success. There were several Turnage families in N. C. but no Carney; so the next best thing was to get first names that would match those of this family's, and I believe I have located them in Pitt and Green counties, N. C. I found two families with Moses in Pitt County; a Mourning, William, James and Joseph in both Pitt and Green. If I could go to N. C., I feel sure I could work out our ancestors line. I found them with land purchases as far back as 1767. I believe they were in Virginia before that time.



Believe me, if I had known you folk lived in Beaumont when I visited ther, you would have heard from me. I did not think of looking for a Turnage name in t he telephone book. I know you father could have added to my Turnage information. He and my mother were first cousins, you know, and I suppose they knew each other quite well in Yazoo. She often spoke of a "Carney Turnage". She and papa married Dec. 2, 1891, and reared six children to maturity. I believe several died in inf. I am glad you answered my letter promptly. Here is family data as I know it:

William Floyd McCormack, b. Feb. 4, 1869, d. April 9, 1914, married Nannie Florence Turnage, b. May 9, 1875, d. Nov. 1, 1939. Children:

1. Linnie Gertmude, b. Nov. 22, 1892, d. Dec. 28, 1919: Mar. Amzi Henry.
2. Eula Lee b. July 12, 1894, d. Jan. 2, 1956. Mar. Roy Talmage Gray.
3. Henry Floyd, b. May 18, 1897, d. Oct. 6, 1964. Mar. Emma Lee Brister.
4. DeFrance, Aug. 17, 1905 " Alma C. Crapps.
5. William Floyd b. Dec. 9, 1908, d. Nov. 17, 1963. " Vera Parkerson.
6. Leroy b. March 13, 1913, died in infancy.

The 1880 Census of Yazoo shows my grand parents' family, thus:

Hart Town Precinct, Beat 4, June 8 & 9, 1880:

William Henry Turnage	48M	b. N. C.	parents born in N. C.
Nancy	"	43F	b. Ala. " " " Ala.
Thomas	"	14M	b. " " " "
Loula	"	12F	b. " " " "
Samuel	"	6M	b. Miss.
Florence	"	3F	b. " " " "
Henry	"	1M	b. " " " "

Deasonville Precinct, Beat 2 - June 29, 1880:

Franklin Edmonds	34M	b. Ala.	
Julia	"	24F	b. " (wife, Julia Turnage)
Mary Turnage	F	b. Ga.	(mother-in-law)
Carney	"	17M	b. Ala. (brother-in-law)
Ola	"	15F	b. " (Sister-in-law)
Gallie	"	13F	b. " ( " " " )
Morning	"	10F	b. " ( " " " )

Also living in the Hart Town Precinct next door to William Henry T. was Wiley T. Turnage XXM 32M b. N. C.  
 Daniel Lou " 35F b. N. C. (Sister)  
 David " 10M b. Miss. (son)  
 William " 7M b. " "  
 Mattie " 3F b. " "

I hope to locate the Turnage Bible. One of Uncle Tom's daughters lives in Jackson and she thinks the Bible can be found in Yazoo. I hope to get her to go with me soon to search for it. If I find it, I may have some good information.

Best wishes for good health and happiness.

Cousin

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SEARCH NOTES ON THE WHITESIDES LINE

YB

Debrae McCormack

Route 3, Box 217

Jackson, Mississippi 39213

February 22, 1973

Whitesides enumerated in the 1850 Federal Census of Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Robinson,

Now, you are getting close. Stewart County, Georgia, joins Barbour County, Alabama, where my Turnages lived. Therefore, your nice letter of the 16th jogged my enthusiasm and I therefore did some digging into my records and offer this information for possible help to you.

School records for Jones Co., Ga., 1829-1830 listed: William Turnage age 13, and Martha, Harriet, Kinan, Julianne, Boler, Luceny and William Morris; ages 11, 8, 9, 12, 10, 8, and 10.

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I hope to work out something soon.

Sincerely,

D. F. McCormack

Enclosed a copy of my letter



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BY

DeFrance McCormack

February 1973

Jackson, Mississippi 39213

1. Whitesides enumerated in the 1850 Federal Census of Mississippi:

Family Number	Names	Age & sex	Where born	Occupation*
599	Orsborn Whitesides	40M	Barbour County, Alabama	
	Eliza	35F	Tenn.	
	Wesley	15M	Tenn.	
	Amanda E.	13F	Tenn.	

Tishomingo Co., Southern District:  
Hugh S. Whitesides

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D. F. McCormack

Enclosed a copy of my letter



Bastrop, Louisiana 71220  
March 11, 1973

604 Bentley St

Dear Mr. McCormick:

In looking over some records today I again got the notion to work some more on my Morris-Turnage lineages.

So am going to send you this

1850 Census on my Henry Morris etc.

Marshall Co. Miss.

Henry Morris	b.N.C.	age 65-	born	1785
Winnfred (wife)	Virginia	age 62	"	1788
Julie E. Turnage,	b.N.C.	age 30	"	1820
Winnfred Ann Turnage	b.Ga.	age 14	"	1836
Sarah W. Turnage	b.Ga.	age 12	"	1838
Julie Turnage	b. Miss.	age 7	"	1843
Amanda M. Turnage	b. Miss.	age 4	"	1846
Elizabeth Turnage	b. Miss.	age 10	"	1840
Polly W. Morris	b. Ga.	age 25	"	1825

By this census Henry Morris was in Georgia by 1830, and was in N.C. in 1820, as Julie E. was born in N.C.

Henry Morris was in Ga. by 1836 when my ancestress ~~was~~ Julie E. Morris was born. She married Zachariah Taylor Turnage

These names were in Stewart Co., Ga., in 1836. By 1850 Henry Morris and Julie E. Turnage were in Marshall Co. Miss. So Zack Turnage died between ~~1846~~ 1840 to 1850.

That J. L. Turnage born at Holly Springs, Miss. 1852 must have been related to Zack. My aunt Alan Stevenson (My great aunt) told me many years ago that on way from Anderson Co. S.C. the Stevensons stopped over at Holly Springs, Miss. Then came on to Louisiana 1844.

Some one wrote that they thought the Morrisses maybe from Onslow Co. N.C. we might check Turnages there too.

Let me hear from you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. M. Robinson

A Henry Morris Sr. signed the marriage record of my William Carpenter and Polly Manning in Brunswick Co. Va. in late 1790s. These people must have tracked on down together.... The Carpenter were in Nash Co., N.C. then to Greene Co. Ala. then to Madison and Yazoo Cos. Miss.

1898-



Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Ms 39213  
April 27, 1973

Mrs. Bill Turnage  
10324 Trailcliff Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

Dear Mrs. Turnage:

I believe that I have found your Isaac Turnage in Pitt County, N. C. in an Index to Abstracts of Deed Records, Pitt Co., N.C. by Ellison. Here are some of the notes I copied:

- Bk "L", p. 374: Jacob Blount to Isaac Turnage, et al.  
A slave deed. It mentions Selah, Isaac's mother. Dated January 26, 1778.
- Bk "L", p.299: Mentions the earliest date of a Turnage in Pitt Co.: William Bryant to William Turnage 200 acres formerly owned by George Turnage (1738). Dated Oct. 26, 1777.
- Bk "CC" p. 38: (Dowery) Judith Turnage, of Georgia, and husband, Isaac Turnage; et al. 1828-1830.

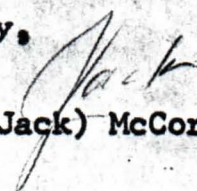
William Turnage's name appears several times in the deeds and in ~~xxxx~~ August 1802 ~~when~~ he Penelope Bell his daughter, and his grand children: Feraba, Mary, Susanna and Bill Bell.

Here are other first names and dates: William (1777); Luke, Emmanuel (1787); James (1767); Abraham (1783); ~~James (1783)~~ Josiah (1794); Amos, son of Emanuel (1816); Emanuel to sons Joseph and Elias (1816); Emanuel to son, Lewis - Adj. Amos and Travis - Wit. William (1816); Emanuel named Moses his son (1816); Mourning (no date); etc.

Todate, I have not connected my gr. grandfather with one of these families but his children carried many of the first names.

If you find that I am right about Isaac and you need other information on the names I have given, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
D. F. (Jack) McCormack



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5/1/73

Rt. I  
 Valley Mills, Tex  
 76689

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Dear Mr. M. Carmack,

my sincere thanks for the Turnage notes you sent. I did not have any of this. It did confuse things somewhat for me + I'll have to work on it a while to figure it out for sure. Its strange that Wm or Geo Turnage were not in the 1790 Census of N.C. as heads of families. I did go thru my notes etc to be sure I still dont have any clues to your Carney + Eliz. I just dont seem to have anything on any of the names you've mentioned in your letters. In case you do not correspond with Mrs. Fairlee Smith of Ogden, Utah who is working on Turnage - I'll send your letter on to her. If she should have anything of importance for you, she will I'm sure write you.

Thanks again + I'm sure you are bound to win the election!

WYNNE TURNAGE  
 Route I  
 Valley Mills, Tex  
 76689

Please note the change  
 of address.



Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
June 14, 1973

Mrs. Howard E. LaMountain  
406 Easton Road  
Dallas, Texas 75218

Dear Msa. LaMountain:

Thank you for your letter of June 4. My grandmother was a Bedsell from Barbour County, Alabama. She and William H. Turnage married soon after he returned from service in Confederate States Navy about 1866. They moved to Yazoo County, Mississippi soon thereafter and I do not believe there was further communication with their Barbour County relatives. I did not know my grand mother, but here is the information copied from her gravestone:

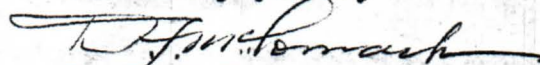
Nannie A. , wife of W. H. Turnage  
Died 10/27/1911, age 72 yrs., 4 mo., 7 days.

I did not know my grand parents, on either side, but a cousin told me that Nancy Ann Bedsell was a native of Barbour County and that her parents disinherited her when she married - probably because she married a Rebel. At any rate, we do know she was a Bedsell.

After receiving your letter, I made two visits to the State archives in an effort to get more data on the Bedsells but failed because there was no listing of the Bedsells in the Barbour County census for 1840 and the 1850 census was too faint to be legible. I did find a listing that appeared as a Bedsell listing, a widow and her children, but because I could not be certain the name was Correctly Bedsell, I did not copy. Not too far away by family numbers, there was a young family of Andersons; both families were from N. C.

I hope to go to Montgomery, Alabama and look through the original census records when time permits, and I feel sure I will get an answer there. Should I come up with something of interest, I'll let you know.

Sincerely yours,

  
D. F. McCormack



FROM THE DESK OF

Adda Peer Willingham  
4150 Holly Springs Dr.  
Mobile, Al. 36609

12 September 1974



Dear Mr. McCormack:

Although I've been a member of Mobile Gen. Soc. for almost seven years, I only became actively involved about two years ago. Have been Corresponding Secretary for the past two years. The Society has never had enough workers to appoint anyone to help out of town members with simple research. During the past year, I have taken on a little unofficial personal interest in trying to help some of them, although there are some "pros" in the area who frown on the idea of amateurs getting involved in research. My time is limited, but I've tried in some cases to do simple research in some of the books at Mobile Library which are indexed, etc. Of course, I can't get involved in census searches or extensive research ~~due~~ to lack of time.

Lately I've been referring our new members to names and addresses of persons listed in our Surname Index File working on the same lines. I soon learned that this Index is pitifully out of date, and it seems that no one has taken the time in years to up-date it. I volunteered to write a few letters off and on to people listed in the index as former members, as we found that many had moved, left no forwarding address, passed away, married, etc.

It was easier for me to use my home address rather than go through official "channels" due to the slow process of having someone pick the mail up from the P. O. Box and distribute it around to those who handle various phases of our work. I would appreciate it if you would address any future official Society business such as requests for back issues of the quarterly, etc. to the Society POBox, except for any future Queries you may want to mail in. Your first issue of the quarterly will give instructions regarding queries.

The reason I extracted the information regarding the names you are concerned with and sent them to the Editor for the Query Section is that at the end of the year, we index the November issue to be combined with the other three issues for 1974, and this index is furnished free with the November issue. There is a lot of work involved in having the Quarterly typed, index after assembly, and mailed, therefore, the last issue each year "goes to press" earlier than usual. I was afraid that by the time your Queries got to the Editor, it may be too late to get them in the November issue and would have to be held over until Feb.

Someone from our Publications Department will have to make a trip to the store room to mail your August issue, and it will be mailed 4th class, which is often slow in arriving. We will appreciate your patience.

I have checked your old Surname Index Cards, and changed your address on them. Your cards presently on file are:

McCormack  
Duke  
Turnage  
Bedsell  
Crapps

If you wish to add the WARD name, or any others you are willing to exchange information on, or should you wish to delete any of the above, I would appreciate it if you would send in a new list. Please site that it is a change to your CODE NO. 63 so that whoever files the cards will not make up a new code card.

My time is very limited, and I don't get to the Library often, but at the first opportunity I will check over some of the indexed books available to see if I can shed any light on your problems. Our Quarterly contains primarily records in the coastal areas, however, I will check the tables of contents of past issues as soon as possible and let you know if I find anything I think would be of interest to you.

Can't make any rash promises, but will do what I can to help you - and will "operate" in this area from my home address to avoid unnecessary friction.

I appreciate your renewal. We need all of the support we can get. This will probably be my last year to be as active as I have been in the past as I've had to neglect my own research, and don't want to run out of time. Sincerely,

*afw*



Mrs. Adda P. Willingham  
4150 Holly Springs Drive  
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28 September 1974

Dear Mr. McCormack:

Had to attend a meeting at the Library a few days ago and had a brief time to spend doing a little checking books on the shelves to see if there may be any you haven't seen which might contain information which may be helpful to you.

Am sending a zerox page from "Abstracts of Wills and Estates" showing a Carney Turnage. Have put the reference at top of page, but if it doesn't sound complete, and you don't already have this information, will re-check the title. I like to have the exact title, who compiled the book, etc. and usually copy it exactly as in the book. In this case, I may have overlooked something in my rush to beat the clock.

There were two books published by G.A.M. Publications 1970 (genealogists Gwen Platt, Annabel Lannert and Marion Peer):

"Mississippi Northern District - Index to The United States Census of 1840"

"Mississippi Southern District"

There are also books published by Irene S. Gillis:

"Mississippi 1850 Census Surname Index" - Copyright 1972

"Mississippi 1850 Mortality Schedule"

"Mississippi 1830 Census".

Our Special Collections Division of the Library closes at 5 o'clock and I was running out of time, so my notes are sketchy. If you think there may be information in any of these books which might be helpful (should they be unavailable to you) please let me know and I will check through them.

Haven't had time to check Tables of Contents for all back issues of Deep South Genealogical Quarterly, but will try to get this information to you as soon as possible.

Our Librarian had to resign last week, and had many surname cards from new members which had not been coded and filed. These were turned over to another member, who had to take the file home with her to catch up on the backlog, so the file isn't presently available for me to check for people working on your surnames. Will also attend to this as quickly as possible.

Please bear with me if I'm a little slow. Am preparing to go out of town next week, so it may be a couple of weeks before you hear from me again.

Our Editor put a Sept 16th deadline on submitting information for the Nov. issue of the Quarterly, so I do hope she got your two queries in. You may receive some response from them.

Will get back in touch.

Sincerely,

*Adda P. Willingham*



Route 8, Box 248  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
October 6, 1974

Dear Mrs. Willingham:

Your efforts in my behalf have brought joy into my heart. I had lost hope of ever knowing the family name of my gr-grandmother, Elizabeth, but you have brought the news of finding it to have been Causey. Thanks, and thanks again. As soon as time permitted, I went to the Mississippi State Archives and located five or six volumes on Edgecombe County, N. C., which did give more data on the Causeys. Now, with some more work, I feel sure that I can go on back to the Revolutionary War ancestor. I have worked since 1955 on my family lineage and by my efforts helped many persons with their problems but this is, except for one family member, you are the first to bring me an answer to even one "dead-end". My work has taken me over Georgia, Alabama, part of Florida, and, of course, Mississippi. I have the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census information on my Turnages, and therefore had Carney Turnage and his family listed, but still lacked the family name of Eliza Turnage listed in the 1850 census.

The McCormacks came to Mississippi in 1842, and the Turnages came here following the War between the States. My mother told me that the Federal soldiers were after them because of a civil right violation. Had to leave in a hurry! It is strange, however, that did not find my grandparents in the census (William Henry Turnage and Nancy Ann Bedsell Turnage) until the 1880 Miss. census was made.

I live about ten miles from the Mississippi Archives but have little time to spend on search work now that I have a job that keeps me in somewhat of a run most of the time. I was elected mayor of Ridgeland by a landslide in May 1973 and because I did not think or suppose I would have a chance of being elected, I believe I walked around about three days in shock. Our little city has a population of more than three thousand, but it is in a growth area (the 1970 Census showed 1650) ~~and~~ which demands much up-dating of all departments and areas of public services. Despite the headaches, though, I do enjoy my role and I do get satisfaction from doing something to help others. The city limits of Jackson are within a short distance of Ridgeland and we are having some difficulty with the Jackson mayor because he wants our growth area we are trying to annex - an area which we have spent more than \$300,000 to furnish sewer and water to the residents.

One of my sons married a Mobile girl, Jeannette Smith, and lived in the Spring Hill area before moving to Fort Walton Beach. Her parents are Raymond and Jeannette (McKenney) Smith. They live in the Spring Hill area, too, since having to move from the re-development down town. --Please let me know if I can look up something to help you with your search work.

Sincerely,

  
D. E. McCormack



X Abs. of Wills, N.C. 1733-1856 Williams & Griffith

Page 49 - Philip Causey & wife Rachel Nov. 29, 1824  
sons: Cullen & Greenberry.

Minutes of Edgecombe Co., N.C. 1788-1785:

Cullen Causey & wife, Dolly sold land 9-13-1834,  
also: Greenberry Causey & wife hevisa " P. 232.

Michael & Philip Causey, decd., 2, 19, 1840, were parents  
of Cullen & Greenberry. Page 253.

Michael & Greenberry Causey sold land jointly 4-17-1841. P 240

Estate Records, 1730-1820

~~Inventory taken by Philip Causey, Jr., 2-27-1794 - page 47.~~

~~Philip Causey, Sr., Inv. by Philip, Jr., 11-10-1802 - Page 47,~~

~~Wm Causey, Inv. taken by Philip, Sr., 3-22-1817 - " 47,~~

~~Patsy Causey, to Mrs. and Patsy Watson with the buyers.~~

~~Patsy Causey was dau. of Lussans Drake - P. 83.~~

Abstracts of Early Deeds of Edgecombe Co., N.C. 1772-1778  
Joseph W. W. W.

Page 48: To Philip Causey of Pitt Co. 1773, wit. Wm B. Causey -

" 119: To Philip " to son Absalom - 1775,

" 134: State of N.C. Grant # 18 to Absalom Causey by  
Gov. Rd Caswell, Dec. 10, 1778 100 ac.

" 180: To Philip Causey July 23, 1781.

" 360: Absalom " of Lincoln Co. N.C. - 3-13-1787,

" 281: To Philip " Saml, 1787 -

Abstract of Early Deeds of Ed. Co. N.C. 1754-1772 -

abstract of wills  
1733-1854 - Williams & G.  
Nov. 10, 1883  
Lewin Causey & Wife Abney  
Named Sons: Leamon &  
Phillip, Jun, Est.

Daniel Campbell  
Malinda, wife of I. H. Chambers  
Elizabeth, wife of Joshua Campbell, residing in Ga.  
Amanda, wife of N. B. Sutton  
Wesley W. Campbell  
Abner Campbell  
Jacob E. Campbell, residence unknown  
Joab Campbell, minor  
13 Oct. 1851.  
p. 231. Court authorized sale of land.  
p. 298. Petition to divide estate. Heirs are the same  
with the exception of Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, the widow  
of the dec'd., is named. 1 Feb. 1852.  
p. 298. Return of the sale of real estate. 3 Feb. 1852.  
pp. 404-9. Final settlement. Heirs are the same as above.  
7 Feb. 1852.

Page 75 - Nancy Turnage & Richard Hocox  
25 July 1844

\* Causey, Phillip B. at Lewin C. & Nailed Mc Duell Marriage B Oct. File  
p. 490. Return of sale of cotton, Robert Witherington  
(Worthington?), admr. of the estate of Phillip B. Causey.  
10 May 1852.  
pp. 634-43. Return of the admr. for partial settlement \*  
to the heirs:  
\* Greenbury Causey, a brother, Edgecombe Co., N. C.  
Rachel Edwards, a sister, N. C., and her children:  
William E. Edwards  
Nathan B. Edwards  
Mary A. L., wife of Wright Barnes  
Children of William Causey, a brother, dec'd:  
Mary, wife of Eaton Phillips, N. C.  
Sarah, wife of Lewis Dew, N. C.  
\* Cullen Causey, a brother, Barbour Co.  
Lewis Causey, a brother, dec'd.  
Child of Polly Ricks, sister, dec'd.:  
John C. Ricks, New Orleans  
\* Children of Wiley, late of Barbour Co., a brother:  
Randersen Causey  
James S. Causey  
Joseph Causey, minor  
Elizabeth, dec'd., wife of Carney Turnage  
Children of Elizabeth Turnage:  
Martha A. Turnage      Louisa Turnage  
Phillip Turnage      Wiley Turnage  
Nancy Turnage  
Creasey Causey, widow of Phillip B. Causey is mentioned,  
but is not listed with heirs.  
Oct. 1852.

Cole, E. J.  
p. 46. Bond as guardian of John M. Hudspeth for Sarah  
\* ABSTRACTS OF WILLS & ESTATES VI: Final settlement names Lewellen  
Causey, a brother, dec'd. Lewis Causey not listed in final.

x Page 25, Marriages of Early Edgecombe Co.  
AG. 1733-1848 - Williams & Griffin

Mar. Dec by Hoagy & 17 Mar. 1825



Route 8, Box 248  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
October 18, 1974

Ms. Mary Dunham  
626 Georgetown Place  
Davis, California 95616

Dear Ms. Dunham:

Recently, I learned from a dear lady in Alabama that my gr. grandmother was a Causey. Something I had given up on after a 20-year search; the 1850 Federal Census of Barbour County, Alabama, simply gave "Eliza" in naming my mother's Turnage grandparents from N.C. So, when I received the following information an opening was made for me to continue my search in N. C.:

Abstracts of Wills and Estates, Book III and IV 1847-1852,  
Barbour County, Alabama, Vol. II.

Causey, Philip B., page 490. Return of sale of cotton, Robert Witherington (Worthington?), admr. of estate of Philip B. Causey, May 10, 1852.

PP 634-43. Return of adm. for partial settlement\* to the heirs:

Greenberry Causey, a brother, Edgecombe Co., N. C.  
Rachel Edwards, a sister, N.C., and her children:  
William E. Edwards, Nathan B. Edwards, and Mary A. L., wife of Wright Barnes.

Children of William Causey, a brother, dec'd:

Mary, wife of Eaton Phillips, N. C.

Sarah, wife of Lewis Dew, N. C.

Cullen Causey, a brother, Barbour County.

Lewis Causey, a brother, dec'd.

Child of Polly Ricks, sister, dec'd. John C. Ricks of New Orleans.

Children of Wiley, late of Barbour Co., a brother:

Randersen, James S., Joseph, minor

Elizabeth, dec'd, wife of Carney Turnage.

Children of Elizabeth Turnage: Martha, Phillip, Nancy, Louisa and Wiley.

Creasey Causey, Widow of Phillip B. Causey is mentioned, but is not listed with heirs.

October 1852.

\* Final settlement names Lewellen Causey, a brother dec'd. Lewis Causey not mentioned in final settlement.



I searched the census films of Edgecombe County, N. C. but did not find the first Causey mentioned. Had better luck with reference books: Abstracts of Early Deeds of Edgecombe Co., N. C. 1772-78, by Joseph W. Watson.

- Page 48 - to Philip Causey of Pitt Co., N. C. Wit.: Wm B. Causey.
- " 119- Philip Causey to son, Absalom, 1775.
- " 136- State of N. C. Grant #18 to Absalom Causey by Gov. Rd Caswell, Dec. 10, 1778, 100 acres.
- " 180- to Philip Causey July 23, 1781.
- " 360- Absalom Causey of Lincoln Co., N. C. 3-3-1787
- " 281- to Philip Causey Jan. 1, 1784.

Abstracts of Wills, N. C. 1833-1856 - Williams & Griffin.

- Page 89- Nov. 10, 1793 - Leavin Causey and wife, Nancy, Named sons: Leamon and Philip, Jur. Exr.
- " 69- Philip Causey and wife, Rachel - Nov. 29, 1824, named sons: Cullen and Greenberry.

Estate Records 1730-1820 - Williams & Griffin.

- Page 47- Leaven Causey inventory taken by Philip Causey, Jr. Feb. 27, 1794
- " 47- Philip Causey, Sner. inventory by Philip, Jr. 11-10-1802.
- " 47- William Causey inventory taken by Philip, 3-22-1817. Patsey Causey, Thomas & Patsey Watson were buyers.
- " 83- Patsey Causey was dau. of Lararus Drake.

I trust this will be of help to you although I did not find the names of Alexander nor Hutson Causey called for in your query in the Summer edition of the SAR Magazine. Also, the Greenberry mentioned above was much younger than yours. This one married Vacey Lodge in Edgecombe County 17 March 1825. There is a chance I may find the Causeys in Pitt County where our Turnages were as far back as 1735.

My best wishes to you for success with your search.

Sincerely,

  
D. F. McCormack



November 30, 1974

Dear Ms. Dunham,

Thanks for your interesting letter I received in this morning's mail. Ordinarily, I do not answer all my mail so soon, but because my work is cut out for me for the remainder of the year, I do want to let you know that I appreciate your interest in my search work on my Turnage-Causey line and, too, that I have learned something more about the Causeys in Alabama, as well as those in North Carolina. I found the Pitt County information but not the time to copy. Wiley Causey, father of my great grandmother, Elizabeth Causey Turnage, and other Causeys were prominent in Pitt County. The chief trouble with search work there, however, that the courthouse was destroyed by fire and the records went up in smoke too.

I searched the 1840 and 1850 census records in Barbour County, Ala., and some other records without finding any evidence of Greenberry Causey having ever been in the State. Wiley Causey, on the other hand, is listed in the 1840 census, thusly: 1 m 5-10, 1 m 20-30, 1 m 50-60 and 1 f 50-60. I was unable to find either Philip B. Causey nor Carney Turnage (my great grandfather) despite the fact Phillip received a Land Grant in the county in 1836; and Carney Turnage was not listed in the 1840 census of Pitt County, N. C.

The 1850 Census of Barbour County, Ala., was taken Sept. 21. The micro film was so bad that I could hardly read it, but here are the Causeys listed:

<u>Family No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>State</u>
<del>XXXXXX</del> 126	L. C. Causey	23M	Farmer	N.C.
	Hilda	19F	"	Ga.
245	Cullen Causey	50M	"	N.C.
	Dorthy "	45F	"	"
	William "	21M	"	"
	Calvin ? "	18M	"	"
246	George W. Causey	26M	"	"
	Martha "	18F	"	Ga.
	Georgianna "	4/12F	"	Ala.
1049	Randerson Causey	25M	"	N.C.
	Nancy "	60F	"	N.C.
	James S.	20M	"	N.C.
	Joseph W. "	18M	"	N.C.



#1713	Kerney Turnage	45M	Farmer	N.C.
	Eliza "	35F		"
	Martha "	18F		"
	William "	15M	(my grandfather)	"
	Nancy "	12F		"
	Philip "	10F		Ala.
	Louisa "	4F		"
	Wiley "	2M		"

The census taker misspelled Carney Turnage's first name. A Carney family lived near the Turnages in Pitt County.

Elizabeth Causey Turnage was the daughter of Wiley and Nancy Causey;

Wiley Causey was the son of Philip and Rachel Davis Causey;

Philip Causey was the son of Levin and Nancy Causey???

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Children of Philip and Rachel Davis Causey: Of Edgecombe Co., N.C.:

Philip B. mar. <sup>Rachael Davis - dau. of Emory Davis</sup> Creasey moved to Barbour Co., Ala.  
 Greenberry " Vice Lodge in Edgecombe Co., 17 March 1825.  
 Rachel " John Taylor and were about to move south March 30, 1840\*. (Listed Rachel Edwards in Barbour Co., Ala.  
 William " Died in Edgecombe Co. in 1817.  
 Mary " Eaton Phillips in N. C.  
 Sarah " Lewis Dew in N. C.  
 Cullen " Dolly (Dorothy) Lodge 2 Jan. 1822 in Edgecombe. (Lewellen?).  
 Lewis " Ricks <sup>pipkin - in Pitt Co., 5-6-1811</sup>  
 Polly " Nancy William (He died in Barbour Co., Ala.)  
 Wiley " Nancy William (He died in Barbour Co., Ala.)

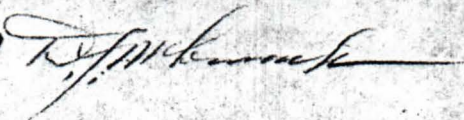
Kinfolks of Edgecombe Co., N. C., 1733-1856 - Williams & Griffin

Cullen Causey and wife, Dolly, sold land Sept. 13, 1834.  
 Greenberry Causey and wife, Levisa, sold land Sept. 13, 1834.  
 Rachel and Philip Causey, dec'd 2-19-1840, were parents of Cullen and Greenberry. Rachel and Greenberry Causey sold land jointly April 17, 1841.

Marriages of Early Edgecombe Co., N.C., 1733-1868 - W & G

Levin Causey and Nancy McDuell, 18 Oct. 1816. Philip B. Causey, Wit.  
 Cullen and Dolly Lodge, 2 Jan. 1823.  
 Greenberry and Vicey Lodge, 17 March 1825.  
 Nancy Turnage and Richard Hocott, 25 July 1844.  
 Franklin Causey and Margaret Armstrong, 11 Jan. 1855.

Happy hollidays,





23 November, 1974

D. F. McCormack  
Route 8, Box 248  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Dear (Mr.?) McCormack,

I was appalled when I realized over a month had passed since your very welcome letter of October 18, 1974 concerning Greenberry Causey. I appreciated it enormously, but became tied, literally tied, in domestic affairs at about that time and am only just getting unwound and catching up with my correspondence.

I received information on a Greenberry Causey from a Donald E. Gradeless, member of the S.A.R. living at 1721 Edgewood Avenue, Racine, Wis, 53404, who says:

#### Greenberry Causey

Greenberry Causey was reared and educated in Posey, his native county, his birth occurring November 3, 1846, the seventh of a family of twelve. He remained at home to the age of twenty-four years, when he married and located on his present farm, where he has since lived. He has been very prosperous financially, and owns 250 acres of very fine land, well improved. He was married to Sarah Cox, March 30, 1870. Four children were born to their marriage, three of whom are living: Charles Kelley, Gracie, and Lemuel. Mr. Causey is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he is a Democrat and a very prominent one. His parents were Hudson and Martha J. (Hightower) Causey. The father was born in North Carolina, and lived there to the age of about thirty-five years, when he came to Posey County, Ind. He married our subject's mother, who was a native Kentuckian, in Vanderburg County, this State. They were farmers and in moderate circumstances. The father died February 15, 1875, and the mother March 30, 1874.

This gives a little information. It does help determine for me the approx. date they left N. C. Since I understand, but without proof, that Greenberry had a large family with many sons it could be possible that the Greenberry who married Vacey Lodge in Edgecombe County 17 March, 1825--was one of the sons who stayed in N.C. The time sequence appears correct for the Greenberry mentioned in your letter and my Greenberry to be the same person. It is certainly the first real lead I've had yet on this ancestor of mine. If it is the same person the chances show that the records go back at least three generations. It is astonishing how much gold gets mined all in one lump sometimes. I do wish you success in searching for our Causeys in Pitt County.

Philip B. Causey's will may have mentioned Greenberry Causey's residence as Edgecombe County, N.C. because they didn't know where else he was. He was not literate since his will has only his x mark, and so once he finally settled there must not have been any way of finding out his location. They didn't settle directly in Indiana anyway, anymore than the thousands of other settlers did, but instead moved from county to county, state to state til finally hitting on the one special area.



"All the people bearing the name of Causey, as far as I have been able to learn, either trace themselves back to Patrick Causey of "Drummond's Branch," on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, or have no knowledge of remote ancestors." This is a quote from papers presented by William W. Causey of Baltimore, Md., to the Md., Historical Society and given in 1951. Patrick Causey was a descendant of Nathaniel Causey, a soldier in the first supply of 1607 or 1608.

In addition, there was a Colonel Nicholas Greenberry who had three daughters, and one son who died without issue. The daughters had children and from them we might be able to trace our family along the distaff side. I cannot now find the names of the daughters, but perhaps you'll find them easily enough if I can't get the names to you soon. I will xerox the information by William W. Causey and send that to you as soon as I can.

You mentioned you were not sure that Elizabeth's father was Wiley Causey. According to the wording of the will; Children of Wiley: Randersen, James W., Joseph, minor, Elizabeth, dec'd, wife of Carney Turnage, it is very obvious that she is. I wonder why his wife, Creasey, is not mentioned in Philip's will.

I didn't mention that my Greenberry died 27 January, 1854 in Posey Co., and was born in Md. in 1765. At least that's what they thought the lettering on his worn-out tombstone said. This would make him 89 years of age at time of his death and since Hudson, his son, was born 4 January, 1798 and came to Indiana at the age of 35 then Greenberry would have had to have left No. C. at age 68 in 1833. If I were you, however, I would check out this math.

He certainly was a tough long-lived old man. Dominated his family pretty much according to the legends.

Hope I've covered all bases. Write me whenever you like and especially whenever you have something interesting to report-. Those, like the last, are the stuff by which my day is made.

Thank you again and best wishes and success in the search.

*Mary Dunham*

Mary Dunham  
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Route One Box 191  
Kokomo, Miss. 39643  
03-25-76

Dear Mr. McCormack,

I read an article in an old book about your seeking some information on the Turnages. As I do not have any on the Turnages that you are seeking, you might have some on the ones that I am looking for.

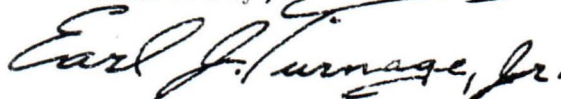
I am looking for information on all the Turnages that came to Mississippi in the later part of the 1700's and early 1800's, and the ones that you are seeking information on seem to fit in with the area that I am searching.

So if you can send me, I would be very grateful. I would like to have a copy of all your information on the Turnage, and I will gladly pay for any troubles you may have in copying the information.

If there is anything that I can do for you down this way, write and ask. If it is possible, I will give it a try.

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,



Earl J. Turnage, Jr.



Route 8, Box 248  
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March 29, 1976

Mr. Earl J. Turnage, Jr.  
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Kokomo, Mississippi 39643

Dear Mr. Turnage:

I am happy to know that you are interested in the Turnage family because I have worked on this line (my mother's line) since 1955. Have traveled extensively and therefore accumulated quite a many Turnage names and information beside the information my mother passed on to me. For the most part, they came by way of Tennessee and Georgia from North Carolina. Before that, they were in Virginia I believe she said. She passed away in 1939.

Because it is not an easy task to explain about those Turnages who may have ventured into your part of the State in late 1700s and early 1800s, I would have to have the first names of all your ancestors as far back as you can go because Mississippi did not become a State until 1817. Before then, when the United States began to really expand by taking possession of the Natchez county in 1798, the State of Georgia claimed all the land west to the Pearl River and held to that claim until 1802 despite the fact the Mississippi Territory was established April 7, 1798. The Mississippi Territory existed until 1817 when Mississippi was made a State. There were several counties named in the Mississippi Territory which encompassed what is now Mississippi and Alabama. For example, Washington County was established April 4, 1800 and its western boundary was Pearl River until Wayne (1809) and Green (1811) counties were created. Washington County then became Alabama County, but later broken into several other counties when Alabama became a State.

I therefore believe you should look towards Alabama and Georgia for your very early settlers. You may have a Bible in your ~~EXMXX~~ with information on first name which would help me to designate where they were at a certain time in history. Thus far, I haven't found any Turnage in what is now Mississippi earlier than 1839 in Chickasaw County. Elijah Turnage moved into Leake County about the same year. My Turnages came down from Pitt County, N. C. with the Causeys and settled in Barbour County, Alabama in 1834 or 35. A David Turnage came into the same neighborhood about the same time.

I realize I had to go into a lot of detail about the history of Alabama and Mississippi but I want you to realize that, as far as I have searched, there were no early Turnages in your part of the State. If you know of any or find any information on the early Turnage settlers, please let me know. My Turnages came to Mississippi soon after the Civil War.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack P. Lomax*



Route One Box 191  
Kokomo, Miss. 39643  
Apr. 15, 1976

D. F. McCormack  
Route 8 Box 248  
Jackson, Miss. 39213

Dear Mr. McCormack:

I am very happy that you answered so soon even though I am late in answering your reply. I, too, have worked very much on the Turnages of Mississippi, but only in my area, and I have much information on them. I became interested in geneology as a results of my becoming a history teacher. I received a B.A. degree in Social Studies.

On your statement: "Thus far, I haven't found any Turnages in what is now Mississippi earlier than 1839 in Chickasaw County." I assume you haven't check the Marion County (which I live in) records, or the U. S. Official Census for the state. The 1825 Tax List for Marion County list a Jackson Turnage; again he is listed for Marion County on the 1830 Census; listed on Dec. 27, 1832 bill of sale; and then he moved to Pike County where the last I found of him is the census of 1850 which list him as age 55, farmer and Frances Turnage as 60 and both born in North Carolina. Another Turnage listed on the 1830 Census is Elisha Turnage living in Madison County. If he the same one that is mention in your letter, I am not sure. Both Turnages in the 1830 Census had children.

Some other early Turnages in Marion County is in the Marriage Records. Letha Turnage married Wm. B. Lewis on Dec. 6, 1830. Elisha Turnage of Madison County married Rebecca Allen on August 2, 1830. These are two that I have found and there is some in Pike County that I have hear about , but the court house burned down in 1882 and only the census records is left, but I have trouble getting to them. I can only get to them about once a month and then most of them is checked out of the library when I do get there. So I do have my troubles, and very, very slow.

My sources are many and I do try to copy as many as I can for my own personal use as I do refer to them a large number of times. I have a copy of the Trailblazers which gives the history of the Turnages all the way back to the 1315s, and being that you are interested in the early Turnages, I do hope you have a copy of it, as it is interesting. I use all the censuses records as I can, plus all the letters I can write in seeking information. I also purchases as many books on the Turnages as I can too help. Mrs. R.C. Upton in Jackson has many books that is a great aid. As you mention in your letter, I have been through many family Bibles in getting some information.



In my own Turnage lineage, well we were later than the early newcomers but just before you came. Martha Turnage became a widow in the 1830s (believed to be in 1836 but not sure) when her husband-Jessie Turnage- died in Duplin County, North Carolina. She is mentioned as the head of the family in the 1840 Census for that state. In the March 1846 church records-Antioch Baptist Church- of Marion County, she and two daughters joined the church. It is believed her and the children-5 sons and 3 girls- arrived on Christmas Day of either 1844 or 1845. The oldest marriage of this bunch is the daughter Hannah and William Lenior. The next was the youngest son Robert Daniel Turnage marrying Martha Elin Piggot. My forefather of this bunch is Roland R. Turnage who later became a widely known preacher in this area. He was born August 1, 1831 in North Carolina; joined the Antioch Baptist Church on August 18, 1851; married Elizabeth C. Rowley, November 25, 1852; and died April 11, 1913. Rev. Roland R Turnage's second son Isaac Benjamin Turnage, and Isaac's oldest son Rolland (he spelled his with two Ls) Augusta Turnage, and Rolland's son Earl Joseph Turnage, Sr. which is my father. That is how I am connected with the Turnage of Marion County. We have been here ever since we came to the state. I have been elected the Turnage Historian of the Turnage Reunion. I am the first in the newly open or new office.

I would like to say this, by 1850 the Turnages were located in seven of the Mississippi counties. I know there are plenty of them.

I know that I have skipped over a lot of information, but I did want you to have some of the early information. If you have plenty of information that I can have, I wish you would have it copied for me and send it. I will pay for having it copied. I can use all the help you can furnish.

If I can be of further help, write and ask and I will do what I can. I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Earl J. Turnage, Jr.*  
Earl J. Turnage, Jr.



May 9, 1974

Received at  
May 12, 1976

Mr. Earl J. Turnage, Jr.  
Route 1, Box 191  
Kokomo, Mississippi 39643

- Has a copy of The Trail Blazers  
by Alice Turnidge.

Dear Earl,

At the time I received your nice letter of April 15 my typewriter was out of order and I therefore had to print by hand the data I sent you on the Turnages. Took some time to assemble my scattered notes, but I do trust you got something helpful. I have much more information that I will try to arrange in some sort of order and send you later. My work is such that I have hardly any time to work on the family history - it is a seven-day a week job, believe it or not. I am now on a two-week vacation that I will use to get many things done around home, but if time permits I should like to come to your home and examine the Trail Blazers history. Elmer Turnage of Spartanburg, S. C., who was on a Turnage hunt, visited with me about fifteen years ago with a copy of the book but I did not have time to examine it. He was trying to get information on an ancestor: "William Riley Turnage b. 1839 in Wilcox, Alabama; had one brother, Henry. Their father, William Turnage, married Rebecca Moody - where was this William born?". I could not help him.

The reason I do not have all Mississippi Turnage information is because I located my gr. grandparents in Barbour County, Al. and then put my effort northward toward N. C. I have yet to examine the Virginia and Kentucky records. One correspondent tried to make me believe my folks came from Ky. or were in that State for a while - perhaps she was right, but I still have that connection to make in N. C. I believe my Carney Turnage and Elizabeth Causey were in Pitt County because of the first name that came down to the present day generation, such as: Moses, Morning, William, James, et. al. I should appreciate your looking through the Trail Blazers for such names as Causey, Pipkin, Maye, Blount, or other surnames among the lists I sent.

Here may be good news for you. I spent time in the State Archives today to check on your Jesse and found this on Roll 120, Duplin Co., N. C. 1830 Census:

147 - Matthrw Turnage	1m 20-30, 2f under 5, 1f 20-30.
148 - William	" 1m 5-10, 1m 10-15, 1m 50-60, 1f 15-20.
179 - Jesse	" 3m under 5, 2m 10-15, 1m 15-20, 1m 20-30, 1m 50-60, 2f 5-10, 1f 15-20, 1f 20-30, 1f 40-50.
179 - Furney	" 2m under 5, 1m 30-40, 1f under 5, 1f 20-30.

The Miss. Gen. Exchange mentions Rev. R. R. Turnage on page 99 or the 1970 Winter issue; and it has another item on page 60 of the Summer issue 1970.

Sincerely,  
Jack Plomack



Route One Box 191  
Kokomo, Miss. 39643  
May 18, 1976

D. F. McCormack  
Rt. 8 Box 248  
Jackson, Miss.  
39213

Dear Mr. McCormack,

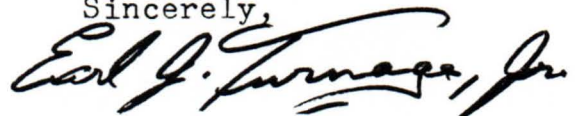
Sorry not to have written earlier, but I have been very busy and have gotten behind on everything. I have many letters to write and I made yours the first.

I had heard of the mention of the Miss. Gen. Exchange that mentions Rev. R. R. Turnage but never have I been able to locate a copy for myself. If you have some copies for sale, I would like to get them from you, or if you can have the information on Rev. R. R. Turnage copied I will gladly pay for the information. Like I said, I have been trying to get that information for a long time and never have been able to locate it around here.

You mention in your letter about the Trailblazers. If you want to read my Xerox copy you are more than welcome to read it. But since I am not to sure of your folks and the book is more than 459 pages long, how about ~~xx~~ me sending it to you. The book is not bound and is loose pages. All it is, is a machine copy of the original book at 10¢ a page. The mention of the 459 page is the main book, but my copy is somewhere around 225 to 250 pages long. I had it copied with two pages on one of my pages. Also the book is not index, so it will have to be read from the beginning to the end. Another thing the book is mainly about the northern route Turnages, and very little about the Southern route Turnages. I have not rechecked it since I received your letter, but I do remember something about Turnages in Alabama and the name of William, but I am not sure of what it is. I am sure of this: that book is loaded with the name of William. It has plenty of Williams all through it, and as I said it is not index. So if you wish to have me to loan you the book and save you a trip here, write me and I will send it to you. All I ask is that when you get through with it, return it to me. Another thing I forgot to mention is that the first 47 pages deal with all the Turnage's history and the Southern bunch. The other 415 or so pages deals with the Tenn., Missouri, and western branch of the Turnages, plus all related kinfolk. Personally I would prefer you to read the book as I do not know all the material on your kinfolk in Alabama and would miss some important branch, so if you trust the mail, I am willing to mail it to you. All you will be out is to make sure that it gets back to me.

Thanks for the 1830 census of Duplin County, N. C. as I did not have it. Again thanks.

Sincerely,



Earl J. Turnage, Jr.

17409 Turnidge, The Trail Blazers, by  
Alice ( " ) Hamot: Historical &  
Genealogical record of early pioneer  
families of Oregon, Missouri &  
the South, Portland, Or. 1935 S.P.I.,  
459 p.



Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157  
June 3, 1976.

Dear Earl,

Enclosed is what I know about my people who were in Alabama. I wrote it on the back of some of my political campaign information so that you could get a glimpse of my personal history. I wond the election by a landslide, but I understand the person whom I defeated is coming back nest year with a hard and fast race for the job.

Surely, I should like very much to read your Trailblazers, but I do not want to trust the mail. When time permits, I'll come down and look it over if you don't mind my doing so. I wish now that I had taken the hard bound book from Elmer Turnage and read it through and returned it to him by registered mail. Too late - I heard from correspondent that he had passed away some time ago.


Did you get any good information from the hand printed information I sent you? I have started a typing project of my Turnage-Causey data but it will take much time to complete it. I recently found a record of my grandfather's Civil War loyalty oath. He served in the C/S Navy and was imprisoned on Johnson's Island. The oath was dated April 25, 1865 in a town in Ohio. I could not read the name of the place. My mother told me that he was imprisoned there two separate times and had escaped both times.

My Turnage-Causey information in N. C. places both families in Edgecombe and Pitt counties. I can not find the connection or documentation of Carney Turnage to his father and mother in N. C. The Pitt County Court House burned but I can not be sure about the Edgecombe Court House. I may go there when I stop being a politician. Alma, my wife, has stated: "I have determined you will not choose to run again!"

Please let me know if you should run across any clue to my Carney Turnage parents.

Best wishes and much success with your Turnage project.

Sincerely,





MY TURNAGE-CAUSEY FAMILY LINE IN ALABAMA AS REFLECTED BY OFFICIAL RECORDS. (These families got back to the early 1700s in North Carolian).  
D. F. (Jack) McCormack

1836 Land Grant to Phillip B. Causey in T12 R28 S30 of Barbour Co.

1841 " " " Jesse Pipkin in T13 R26 S30 of Barbour County.

1840 - Wiley Causey (married Nancy Pipkin in Pitt Co., N. C.) was listed in the Federal Census: 1m 5-10, 1m 20-30, 1m 50-60 1f 50-60 (Gr.gr. grandparents)

1850 Federal Census of Barbour County, November 13; Family No. 1713:

Carney Turnage	45m	Farmer	b.	N.C.	(Great grandfather).
Elizabeth	"		"	"	(" " grandmother).
Martha	"		"	"	(Married a Spincer).
William	"		"	"	(Grandfather) (Causey).
Nancy	"		"	"	(Mar. a Kilpatrick).
Phillip	"		"	Ala.	
Louisa	"		"	"	
Wiley	"		"	"	

1860 Federal Census, Western Division, Barbour County; Family No. 1405:

Carney Turnage	53m	Farmer	B.	N.C.	
Ann	"	Wife	"	Ga.	(Mary Ann Aliffa).
Phillip	"		"	Ala.	(No further information on him).
Louisa	"		"	"	
Wiley	"		"	"	

Children by second marriage:

Moses Turnage	7m		"	"	
Julia	"		"	"	
Mary	"		"	"	
Annaliffa	"	6/12	"	"	(Married Wilson Melton) 1866

Barbour Co. Marriage Book 1866069

Mary Turnage married Wilson Melton, 25; November 26, 1866. (Don't know the family relationship).

1850 Federal Census of Barour County, 21 September:

126 - L. C. Causey	23m	Farmer	b.	NC	
Hilda	"		"	Ga.	
245 - Cullen	"	50m	"	NC	
Dorthy	"	45f	"	"	
William	"	21m	Farmer	"	"
Cullen	"	18m	"	"	"
246 - George W.	"	26m	"	"	"
Martha	"	18f	"	Ga.	
Georgianna	"	4/12	"	Ala.	
1049 - Randerson	"	25m	"	NC	
Nancy	"	60m	"	"	(My gr.gr. grandmother).
James S.	"	20m	"	"	
Joseph W.	"	8m	"	"	



From Abstracts of Wills and Estates, Bks III and IV, 1847 - 1852,  
Barbour County, Alabama, Vol. II, O. C. R. Bk IV:

Causey, Phillip B.

Page 490. Return of sale of cotton, Robert Witherington  
(Worthington?), Administrator of Estate of Phillip B. Causey,  
May 10, 1852. Pages 634-43, return of Administrator for  
partial settlement to the Heirs\*:

Greenberry Causey, a brother, Edgecomb County, N. C.  
Rachael Edwards, a sister, N. C., and her children:

William E. Edwards

Nathan B. Edwards

Mary A. L., wife of Wright Barnes

Children of William Causey, a brother, dec'd:

Mary, wife of Eaton Phillips, N. C.

Sarah, wife of Lewis Dew, N. C.

Cullen Causey, a brother, Barbour County

Lewis Causey, a brother, dec'd

Child of Polly Ricks, a sister, dec'd

John C. Ricks, New Orleans

Children of Wiley Causey, a brother, late of Barbour Co.

Randerson Causey

James S. Causey

Joseph Causey, a minor

Elizabeth, dec'd wife of Carney Turnage

Children of Elizabeth Turnage:

Martha A. Turnage

Phillip "

Nancy "

Louisa "

Wiley "

Creasey Causey, a widow of Phillip Causey, is mentioned but not named  
or listed with the heirs. October 1852.

\*Abstract of Wills and Estates VI: Final settlement names Lewellen  
Causey, a brother, dec'd. Lewis Causey not listed in final settlement.

MISSISSIPPI:

1870 Census of Yazoo County, Ms., August 8, District 2, page 144:

Carney Turnage	55m	Farmer	b. NC	- My gr.-grandfather
Mary Ann	"	36f	GA.	
Louisa	"	25f	Ala.	
Wiley T.	"	21m	"	
James Moses	"	17m	"	
Mary Jane	"	12f	"	
L. E.	"	8f	"	
Carney	"	6m	"	
Viola	"	4f	"	
Salley F.	"	2f	Miss.	
Morning	"	11/12f	"	

By 1880, my grandparents had arrived in Yazoo County and were  
enumerated: W. H. and Nancy Ann (Bedsell) Turnage. My mother was  
listed as 1 year of age. If you should wish to have these listings,



Aug 1926

Kokomo, Miss.

Dear Mr. M<sup>E</sup> Cormack,

I am very sorry for getting back to you so late, and for what I ~~is~~ must say in this letter.

I have been very, very busy on my college work, and have not been able to look up your forefathers as I had promise I would, and for this I ask you to forgive me. As I will be very busy for the next two weeks and then going to Louisiana for some time, I am taking this time to send you this note and the enclosed materials, and let you exam them yourself. They are yours to keep. Please send me a postcard letting me know that you have recieved them, because if not, there will be a second package ~~coming~~ coming to your house in about three to four weeks.

The enclosed pages are the <sup>first</sup> 46 pages of the book Trailblazers. Page 47 starts a new chapter and it is of the Missouri branch and then on to Oregon and Washington states and the branches of the Turnagers in and around these states. As you read these pages you will notice the author rambles and follow no set pattern or logic but does put a lot of history across to the leader. Also, you will notice some mistakes, as for example the wife of William on page one and two. Could this be two Williams or does William have two wives? Errors like this are only a few so be on guard.

I would tell you what pages that mentions the Ala. Turnagers, but you will read the whole thing anyway, so I will not mention them. As I have already written, the enclose



Pages are yours and I do hope they  
do you some good.

If you do want to read the entire  
book, go to the public library close by  
and tell them you want to get it on the  
inter-library loan. The address is:

Tacoma Public Library  
Tacoma, Washington

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It took about two to three weeks for it  
to come to Mississippi. I have sent for it  
three times myself and enjoyed it every  
time. Unless it is out on loan, it will be  
sent right away.

Don't forget to send the post card soon  
and don't wait as I did.

Hope you enjoy this as I and my  
friends have there.

Sincerely,  
Earl J. Turnage, Jr.



Ridgeland, Ms.  
August 12, 1976

Dear Earl,

Thank you very much for the Trail  
Blazers material. I immediately read  
it with much interest but found no  
clue to connect my Carney Turnage  
to any of the families. First names  
of those North Miss. Turnages are  
same as in our line. At any rate,  
I enjoyed reading the information  
and I shall return it, if you wish,  
or pay you for it - simply let me  
know which you prefer.

Enclosed are the two genealogical  
magazines I wrote you about, and  
a clipping from the Clarion Ledger  
about my first cousin's death. I  
attended the funeral and renewed  
acquaintance with several kinfolk. A  
stay in the hospital delayed my  
mailing the magazines sooner. I  
have gained most of my strength and  
hope to be almost as good as new  
soon. I am pleased to know that  
you are taking your college work seriously.  
Have a nice time ha. Sincerely, "Jack" Wren



112 Shreveport Road  
Barksdale Air Force Base  
Louisiana 71110  
September 21, 1976

Mr. D. Francis McCormack  
Route 3, Box 217  
Jackson  
Mississippi 39213

Dear Mr. McCormack:

My wife, Linda, is the great-great granddaughter of Elias Hicks Youngs and his wife, Mosella A. Turnage, who lived in Boutte, Louisiana and later moved to Florida where they lived with a daughter in Jacksonville. Mosella A. Turnage was born 10 June 1846, in Springfield, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. This area is not far from Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Mosella died 23 January 1923 and her death certificate indicates that she was the daughter of Percival Tournage and Mosella A. Smith. However, it is possible that this was a mistake.

In the 1850 census of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, Thomas Turnage was listed as 52 years old, born in South Carolina. Included in his household were Polly, 38, born Louisiana; Bedford, 22; Hiram, 16; Aroziner, 14; Malissa, 12; Amanda, 9; Mozella, 7; Ann, 5; Charles, 1; Mary Burke; \_\_\_\_\_ Brown; William Beaver, school teacher; and Absolom Trailor, 86, born Virginia. In 1830 and 1840, Thomas and John Turnage were listed in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana. Marriage records for this parish indicate that John Turnage married Sally Beavers in 1824 and that Thomas Turnage married Oilly Beavers, daughter of Reuben Beavers in 1827. I have other information on the Beavers family if you are interested.

Hiram Turnage was 2nd Lt. Company D, 16th Louisiana Infantry and left descendants in Louisiana. Malissa married Hicks Lewis Youngs, brother of Col. Elias Hicks Youngs. And of course I am mainly interested in Mosella mentioned above.

I am originally from South Carolina and I have considerable information on the Turnage family in that state. I am now corresponding with two people who are quite interested in the Turnage family one descends from a family in Alabama and the other descends from a family in Mississippi. I have a great deal of information concerning the descendants of Mosella Turnage Youngs. I will be happy to copy this material for you and I do hope that you will be able to give me some information on the progenitors of Mosella. Since it is reported that William Turnage of Cheraw Districts, S. C. of the Revolution had 22 children he probably has a great many descendants! I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*William A. Chandler*



October 8, 1976

Captain William H. Chandler, USAF  
112 Shreveport Road  
Barksdale Air Force Base  
Louisiana 71110

Dear Captain Chandler:

Since receiving your interesting letter of September 21, I have spent almost all my spare time trying to locate the information you requested concerning Mrs. Chandler's Turnage lineage. Now, although I have not a "pat" answer for you, I do feel I should give you those clues which I feel could be of benefit to your search work. I do feel, however, the information I have may lead your search to North Carolina. My great grandfather, Carney Turnage and his wife and children came into Barbour Co., ALABAMA, with the Carneys, Pipkins, and others in the 1830s. This the reason I am more acquainted with the N. C. Turnage line than I am with those in other states.

I have corresponded with Earl J. Turnage, Route 1, Box 191, Kokomo, Ms 39643, in recent months and he has informed me that the Turnage people were in his home county, Marion, as early as 1825 when a Jackson Turnage was taxed there. Jackson and Frances Turnage were listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Pike County, Ms. Their native state was listed as N. C. Pike County was created or established from Marion County in 1815 - not so many miles north of Livingston Parish which was formed in 1832. Earl's Turnages came down from Duplin County, N. C. in the early 1840s. Incidentally, the 1850 Census listed Jackson Turnage's age as 55 and Frances' as 60. I feel certain that Earl would supply you with other data on the South Mississippi Turnages. He was kind and thoughtful enough to give me a machine copy of the first 46 pages of The Trail Blazers, by Alice (Turnidge) Hamot, Portland, Organ, 1935.

In Ms. Hamot's account of the Turnage line (Turnage spelled several ways) from first in England in 1315, then in Scotland in the 16th century, and some in North Ireland. The first to America was George Turnidge in 1714. His brother, William, also entered a land holding that joined George's land in 1714. She listed the following names taken from land entries and the 1890 Census:



William and John Turnage, land grants and deeds, Anson County, 1779-1782; James and John Turnidge, land grants and deeds, Tyrill County, 1782; Luke Turnage, census of Richmond, Virginia, 1790; Benjamin Turnidge, census of Richmond, 1790; Michael Turnidge, census, Rowan Co., NC, 1790; John Turnidge, land deed, Beauford County, 1779; Joseph Turnidge, land deed, Green County, 1771.

Later, Ms. Hamot stated that Joseph lost his life in the Revolutionary War. There are many other first names of Turnages of various spellings listed, but I do wish to call your attention to those who went to Anson Co., N.C. - just over the S.C. line. I checked the 1830 Census of Chesterfield Co., S.C. and found these Turnages and families listed: Luke, page 265; William, page 265; John, page 266; and Richard, page 267. Ms. Hamot list Luke as living in Richmond, Va., but I checked it out as Richmond County, N. C. So, we might suppose that he later moved to Chesterfield, S.C.

On page 8 of the Trail Blazers: Abstracts of conveyance, p. 447, assignment of patent for 560 acres of land August 15, 1715, deed 8-28, testates, Robert Hicks and George Turnidge.

Pages 13-14: And also a corner of said Turnidge's new survey, and running south forty degrees east two hundred and sixteen poles to Hart's line, then with Smith's line north. . . (Smith and William Turnage owned adjoining properties; in Dobbs County.

Page 28: William Jason Turnage married Ora Smith. (No date).

Page 34: . . . Emily married Moses Turnage; Sherod Married Nancy Jane Turnage; Richard L. married Margaret Turnage. Mary b. 1748, d. 1800. . . Mary, dau. of Cornelius, married Benjamin Young. (Don't blame me - Ms. Hamot had a way of making puzzles).

Page 36: Elizabeth Hart was the daughter of William Leving Turnage and Senetta (Tyson) Turnage. John Smith was a son of Hollon, Elizabeth's son by second husband.

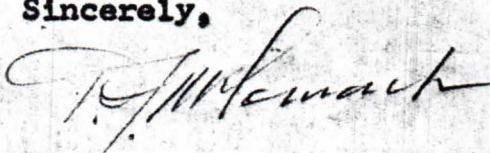
I have corresponded with two ladies in south Louisiana and one in Dallas, Texas, to learn that their Turnages were from N. C.

I have worked since 1955 on my father's and mother's lines but still lack documented materials connecting the gr.-gr.-gr. grandparents. I trust you will have better luck. Should I come up with any information that I should think helpful to you, I'll certainly let you know.

Thanks for writing to me.

Sincerely,

P/S NOTE: Route 8, Box 248  
Jackson, Ms. 39213





Oct. 11, 1977

Dear Mr. McCormack,

I am a great-grandson of the late A. A. & Nancy Jane Herrington Turnage who is attempting to trace my Turnage ancestry. They are both buried in unmarked graves in Monticello's Masonic Cemetery.

One of the "A's" in A. A. Turnage's name is supposed to represent Alexander, but he was always called Alex (pronounced Ellick). It is believed that Nancy Jane H. Turnage died c. 1932-'35. Her parents were Andrew Jackson Herrington (b. Oct. 15, 1817 - d. Feb. 1, 1897) & Nancy Blackwell Herrington of the Silver Creek area.

Do you have any idea who A. A. Turnage's father or grandfather, etc. were? I have spoken with a Mr. Earl J. Turnage, Jr. of Kokoona, Ms., & he believed that you might know about this group of Turnages. The only lead I can give you is one my grandmother gave me. She only remembered that A. A. Turnage had a half-brother named Leon Pounds. She also remembered that Leon had a daughter named Ophelia. She didn't know if A. A. Turnage was the only child of the Turnage & the female who later married a Pounds.

A. A. & Nancy Jane H. Turnage reared six (6) children: Wm. Crawford (Bud) Turnage, Ben H. Turnage (b. June 20, - d. Dec. 20, 1969), Leander Turnage (b. Oct/Nov. 19, 1880 - d. Dec. 18, 1958), John Turnage, Jenny Turnage, & my grandmother Mary Jane (Mollie) Turnage (b. June 18, 1886 - d. Sept. 20, 1976). The spouse of each is known: "Bud" married Susan Lofton, Ben married Edna Daughdrill, Leander married firstly a Mr. Batterson & secondly Geo. W. Nations, John married Martha Honea, Jenny married Archie J. Hester, & Mollie married Jas. W. A. Russell.

My grandmother believed we were third(?) cousins of Alton Evan (Be Be) Turnage who was Adj. General during the Waller administration. I believe that A. E. Turnage's father was Wm. Cleveland Turnage (b. Mar. 14, 1881 - d. Mar. 20, 1947) buried in New Hebron. I believe Wm. C. Turnage was a son of Albert J. Turnage (b. Nov. 17, 1840 - d. June 29, 1913).

If this is correct, do you know how Albert J. connects with A. A. Turnage? I spoke with Clayton Turnage, of Jackson, a nephew of Albert J. Turnage's & he believes that Albert J. was a son of Frank Turnage the son of David Turnage & Mary Harold;



David Turnage, a son of John Turnage; John, a son of Wm. Turnage. Earl J. Turnage, Jr., of Kokomo, Ms., wasn't familiar with this line + didn't believe that the lineage was correct. Would you know how we connect with Wm. Turnage who married Martha Shattford + reared Robert Daniel Turnage (b. Nov. 4, 1818 - d. May 23, 1919) who married Martha Pigott + Rev. Rolland R. Turnage from whom Earl J. Turnage descends? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Sid Bowman

Rt. 2, Box 173

Boque Chitto, Ms. 39629



Rt 1, Box 136  
Griffithville, Ark72060

September 14, 1978

D.F. McCormack  
Rt 3, Box 217  
Jackson, Miss39213

Dear Mr. McCormack;

An excerpt from "Ansearchin" News passed to me has your query about William H. Turnage, native N.C., who married Nancy \_\_\_\_\_, in Ala., moved to Yazoo, Miss. about 1870. Are you sure No. Carolina? I, too, am wondering about a William H. Turnage, B 1833, So. Carolina. This Wm. H. was listed in 1850, Chesterfield Co, S.C. census as follows:

Turnage, Levinea	50 F	800	S.C.
Eliza	20 F		S.C.
William H.	17 M farmer		S.C.
Thomas F.	15 M farmer		S.C.
Dillard	13 M		S.C.
Alonzo	10 M		S.C.

1860 census

(illegible)  
Turnage, L/ui?ea ?55 F farmer 300 200 S.C.  
Dillard 23 M overseer S.C.  
(Alonzo?Peter 21 M S.C.)

I have not proven it, but all clues indicate this is my Chesterfield Co., So. Carolina family. Dillard being my great grandfather who brought his wife, Sarah Jane Lampley Turnage and son, John Wesley Turnage from Chesterfield Co to Prairie County, Arkansas between 1868 and 1870. He is buried in Butlerville Cemetery, Lonoke Co., then a part of Prairie County.

1880 Prairie Co., Arkansas census

Turnage, Sarah	W F 35	NO. C.	No. C.	N.c.
John	W Mon 11	S.C.	S.C.	N.C.
Henry	W son 9	Ark	S.C.	NC
Emma	W dau 7	Ark	SC	NC
Anna	W dau 6	Ark	SC	NC
Mattie	W dau 5	Ark	SC	NC
May	W dau 3	Ark	SC	NC
Dillard's family lived and died in Prairie County, Arkansas.				
Turnage, Thomas F.	W M 45	So. C.	SC	SC
Hariet	W wife 37	Ga	France	Ga
Marrita	W dau 17	Ga	SC	Ga
Wesley	W son 14	SC	SC	Ga
Reuben	W son 12	SC	SC	Ga
Presley	W son 9	SC	SC	Ga
Alice	W dau 7	SC	SC	Ga

This family was in Prairie Co 1877 into 1880.. research incomplete.



I do not know who the father of Dillard was, the only lead being the 1840 Chesterfield Co census which lists a William with the right age wife and children of the correct ages and sex plus one other male who may have been the oldest brother who left the home before 1850. Do you have any thing on this family? Do you have anything on the family or children of the William mentioned in History of the Old Cheraws? According to that book he died about 1823. (by Alexander Gregg DD)

Now, back to William H. Turnage... have you seen the 1880 Tenn census of Crockett Co. ?

Tenn 1880 Census Soundex Micro copy No. T-772 Roll# 77

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Turnage, W.H.	W	M	49	Born	NC (Dist. 8 (m.c.d.) or e
Julia A.	Wife		44		Ala
Nancy E.	Dau		15		Miss
William A	son		13		Miss
Henry D.	s		10		Miss
Frnklin J.	nr		8		Miss

Could this be your William H.? Mine ? Or one and the same?? As you have probably learned , censuses don't always match exactly as to ages and birthplaces; seems to depend on who is doing the reporting or writing down. Wife's name isn't same either, but thought I should pass it on anyway.

Tipton Co., adjoining Crockett, has an older Henry and many others. I hope to go to that area to do some research someday soon.

There was no date on the query passed to me, but I had a very interesting letter from a lady in Illinois who had written in some ten years ago.

Sincerely yours,

*Kaleta K. Livesay*  
Kaleta K. Livesay

*P.S. Could it be the census taker switched ~~the~~ names of the wife & daughters? Some to think of it, I could have, but don't think so -*



Route 8, Box 248  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
September 24, 1978

Dear Mrs. Livesay:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th and the information it contained. Since placing my letter in the Anserchin News, I have accumulated a vast amount of information on Turnage (Turnidge) names, dates and places of residents. In an effort to get an answer to your query, I have spent quite some time researching the data which brought to light four separate William H. Turnages with families in different parts of the country. The one, however, appears to be the name you need got by accident. I made an application to the National Archives on my Civil War William Henry Turnage and received a batch of 19 reports on his war activities. The information was interesting but not for my need, so somewhere during the past years since I started the search in 1955, I gave the reports to a correspondent, but kept a copy of the letter I mailed with the documents. For a small fee, National Archives will make copies for those who prepare an application such as I am enclosing for you. Enclosed are my letter to Mrs. Sayers and a blank application for your use. In the meantime, I'll keep your Dillard Turnage in mind should I come upon something helpful to you.

As for my search work on my William Henry Turnage, I believe I have enough information to show this line back to William Turnage who came to America with brothers James, George and Joseph. William bought land in Pasquatank County in 1714. It appears from some records that they were in Penn. and Virginia earlier. In the early 1930's, Mrs Alice (Turnidge) Hamot, Portland Oregon, made an extensive search of records in the Carolinas, Tenn., Ala., and Miss. and published her findings under the title of The Trail Blazers. You might borrow the book from the Portland Library through your local library.

Here is a partial answer to my query published in the Anserchin News: My grandfather served in the Confederate Navy, imprisoned in Johnston's Island, Lake Erie, returned to Alabama and marr Nancy Ann Bedsole. His father, Carney Turnage mar. Elizabeth Causey dau. of Wiley Causey of Edgecomb Co., N. C. I also have the names of Wiley's parents and the names of his wife's parents.

I trust my information will help you in some way. I haven't done search work on the S. C. Turnages but I do know they were related to those in N. C. Mrs. Hamot gave some data on their trek down to Anson Co., N.C. which joined Chesterfield Co., S.C.

Sincerely,

*D. F. McCormack*  
D. F. McCormack

*P/S Sorry I'm such a poor typist.*



June 30, 1982

Mr. D.F. McCormack  
Rt. Box 248  
Jackson, Miss. 39213

Dear Mr. McCormack,

Recently, in correspondance with Mrs. Livesay of Ark., I received a letter (copy) of one you had sent her which included information about your Turnage ancestry. The letter was dated in Sept. of 1978.

I am working on a project which will concern all of us. I am trying to help put together as much information about the 18th. century Turnage family. I want to find as much as I can of what true facts each family has concerning the 1st. cousins of that century. We have a lot of traditional information. But I think we need to start with what dates that we know, then we can begin to find out which William belonged to which family. There are many named Luke, James, Isaac, Jessie, etc. in about every one of the early families.

Alice Hamot was my father's first cousin. She made many mistakes, but she had much truth in what she wrote. I have studied her book diligently for the last ten years. And some of facts that she gave have proven to be very true, and others I doubt.

I am enclosing a card, which I hope you will fill out with as many dates that you have. I am especially interested in #5 which would be first cousin to the other ones I have collected. Some of these will be listed in the Turnage Family Newsletter which is a publication



of the Turnage Family America. I presume you get their publication. Perhaps you've been to their Rennion, in Eufala. Howard Turnage of Alabama is our president. It is a growing organization.

We are finding more and more who are working to put together the information and stories about our Turnage family. So I am glad to find another one. All of us working together can find out more that we can individually.

So I do hope you'll complete the card as much as you know. Did you ever find anything more about you're great granfather, Carney Turnage?

Would be glād to hear from you!

Sincerely,

*Helen Stover*

Helen Turnidge Stover



List of Drew County persons taking the Amnesty Oath 1865-66

...copied from "Advance Monticellan" Monticello, Ark  
April 17, 1941, page 6, cols. 2&3  
Contributed by Mr. Russell Baker, Archivist of Ark History  
Commission.

William Turnage  
R.H.C. Turnage  
William Turnage  
W.R. Turnage

1974

The above found in Oct. Nov. Dec. "Family Historian" the Ark.  
Genealogical Magazine.

4200 "A" Street, Little Rock, 72205

Sept. 29, 1978

Dear Mr. McCormack,

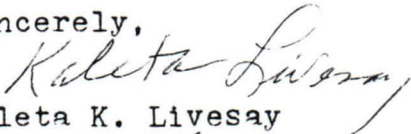
You may or may not have need for the above information  
received from another new 'friend' this week.

Thank you so much for the help you have given me. I sent  
the request to National Archives as you suggested, copied the  
material from the enclosed letter for future reference. The  
1830 Chesterfield census I did not have. I'm going to check  
some local libraries for The Trail Blazers. There is a  
LDS library some forty miles or so away. I've never been there  
but it might be the most likely one to have it locally. If one  
of the smaller libraries doesn't have the loan program, Little  
Rock isn't too far away.

Somewhere I saw the name Kearney Turnage, I don't find  
it in my material, so either I made no notes or it is my daugh-  
ter's material. Wondering if it might be another spelling of  
Carney.

Thanks again for willingness to assist a beginner.

Sincerely,



Kaleta K. Livesay  
Rt 1, Box 136  
Griffithville, Arkansas 72060



456 South Wheatley Street  
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157  
July 12, 1982

Mrs. Helen Turnidge Stover  
3315 South Welwood Place  
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Dear Mrs. Stover:

Thank you for your interesting letter of June 30. Your kindness is also appreciated for the recent copy of the Turnage Family Newsletter which I have read and re-read with delight. May I say you are accomplishing a worthwhile service that should bring to light much interesting Turnage information; my sincere congratulations and prayerful good wishes for your complete success. In my case, however, this good work comes late for me because of my age, and also for that reason I am sorry to say that I can not be in attendance at the coming family reunion. This, I regret very much, chiefly because my great grandfather first settled in Barbour County, Al; his family listed thusly; from the 1850 Census of Barbour:

Kerney Turnage	45m	Farmer	b. N. C.	(Dau.)
Elizabeth	"	35f	Wife	" " ( <del>wife</del> of Wiley Causey of N. C.)
Martha	"	18f	dau.	" "
William	"	15m	son	" " (William Henry, my grandfather)
Nancy	"	12f	dau.	" "
Phillip	"	10m	son	" A.A. (Named for Phillip B. Causey)
Louise	"	4f	dau.	" "
Wiley	"	2m	son	" " ( " " Wiley Causey)

By the time the 1860 Census were taken, Elizabeth had died and Carney Turnage was re-married to Mary Ann Aliffa, and my grandfather had become a sailor on the high seas, so my mother said. Carney and Mary Ann added the following named children to their family: Moses, Julia, Mary and Annaliffa. By the time of the next Census, the War Between the States had been fought and my grandfather had lost about everything he had owned and had moved to Yazoo Co., Ms to make a new start. The 1870 Census tells us that he arrived in Yazoo about 1868 and that in the intervening ten years four other children had been added to his family: Carney, Viola, Alley and Morning. Several of these names are found in the Turnages of N. C. Otherwise, I have nothing much more than a guess to add to your ~~name~~ name and age index card. I surely wish I could do better. As for the in-laws, Causey, Pipkin, etc., I can do much better - but, they are not Turnages.

You know by now I'm not the world's best typist, so please forgive these old fingers that at one time did a remarkable job with the non-electric touch keys. Keep the good faith and ask Him to remember me and my wonderful family that number about 60, counting in-laws. We have them from Oregon to Rome, Italy.

My very best wishes to you for good hunting,  
Sincerely,

"A. L." 11/11/82







8169 Mills Gap Way  
Sacramento, CA. 95828

January 9, 1983

Dear Mr. McCormack,

The last time we corresponded was in October of 1974 re our Causey ancestors, and since that time I have had some major changes in my life, and have had, unfortunately, to temporarily shelve my genealogy research. I do it sporadically at this present time, and am renewing my correspondence to see if you have continued your search, and if so, what you may have uncovered.

My ancestor, Greenberry Causey, may have been born in Maryland, but prior to his arrival in Indiana, was in <sup>(in late 1700's)</sup> North Carolina, where, I believe, he married Charlotte. From the information you gave me Philip B. Causey died ca 1852? I think my ancestor, Greenberry, died in Mt. Vernon, Ind., 27 Jan, 1954 - <sup>he arrived in Mt. Vernon in early 1800's</sup> which would be the right age for them to be brothers. His birth date is 1767 approximately. I think if you found the wills of the other brothers, there might be some verification of this particular group. It would have to be earlier than the 1847-1852 abstracts, or perhaps later.

I wonder that Philip B. and Creamy Causey <sup>had no children</sup> <sub>(mentioned in will)</sub>  
Did I mention before that the first Causey came over in 1667?

Looking forwards to hearing from you. It's been over 8 years. I'm sorry not to be able to give you any new data -

Sincerely -  
Mary C. Yamada (formerly Dunkham)



L. C. TURNAGE  
4259 BRAMPTON DR.  
BRIDGETON, MO.  
63044

9 April 84

Mr. De France McCormack,

I am the son of Leonard Chuck Turnage - whose father was Thomas Eugene Turnage of Yazoo County, Mississippi and farmed near Belzoni - I believe he must have been born about 1880 - having lived about 80 years and died in 1965. - I believe he last lived near Benton, Mississippi.

I have tried to check a few of the traces you sent. One does come to my mind. My Aunt - sister of my father - Ruth Turnage - (we don't say - of formerly) Rt. 1, Osyka, Mississippi, had mentioned an Aunt Florence, sister of my grandfather, who she thought lived in Alabama -

I am also concerned about the whereabouts of the Turnage family Bible - I asked Nancy Mae (Turnage) Saxon - Jackson Miss. - about it - we still don't



I wish I had more  
direct contact with  
the persons and recollections  
of Tom Turnage move to  
Mississippi - My father -  
Leonard - died in 1967 -  
and I have lost  
continuity that I would  
like very much to maintain

I appreciate your  
letter very much Jack - sorry  
to have this delay in answering -  
but I had to go down to Texas  
to solve some family problems -  
and just recently got back -

Sincerely -

Len Turnage



MISSISSIPPI



Dear Cousins,

We are eagerly anticipating the National Reunion June 22-24 at Lake Tiak O'Khata in beautiful Louisville, Mississippi. Lake Tiak O' Khata is 100 acres in area and the grounds cover more than 450 acres of nature. The Tiak O' Khata Inn features 50 air-conditioned rooms with telephones and color television. Most rooms have lake views. Cottages are also available with or without kitchenettes. Linens are furnished and kitchen utensils with a deposit. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE THAT YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO MAY 22 AND NO LATER THAN JUNE 1. You may write Rt. 2, Box 386 Louisville, Mississippi 39339 or call 601-773-7853. There are two motels in Louisville, Mississippi which can also be used. They are within two miles of the lake.

For those of you coming in Friday, we will be hosting a Hospitality Hour from 6 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Tiak O' Khata restaurant.

Saturday we will be registering from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. There have been some tours planned for those not going to the Saturday meetings. Young people we also have attractions as boating, swimming, fishing, tennis, basketball, and game rooms.

Saturday night at our banquet we will have a special treat from Dr. Robert Wall who will be presenting a visual presentation of America The Beautiful.

We in Mississippi are excited about hosting this reunion and we hope you will take this as a personal invitation from each one of us to attend and share some of our SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY. Lake Tiak O' Khata would make a perfect stop-over if you plan to visit the World's Fair.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT REUNION IN JUNE 1984.

Your Mississippi Cousins

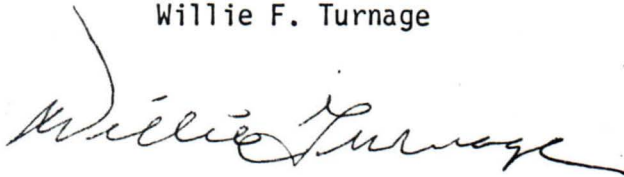


June 22-24 marks the beginning of the National Turnage Reunion. Festivities will begin on Friday night and continue through Sunday morning. This years' event will be held at Lake TiaKata located near Louisville, Mississippi. We are looking forward to a memorable weekend and hope you and your family are making plans to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (601-494-6845). Reservations can be made at the following number (773-7853).

Sincerely Yours,

Willie F. Turnage

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie F. Turnage". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.





Thursday Eve

No Date

D. F. Mc Cormack  
Rt. 8, Box 248  
Jackson Miss. 39213

Dear Sir

I am seeking William George Surnage  
who was the father of Allan Payne Surnage  
(my father in law). Can you tell me if  
Isaac Surnage who married Patsy Bell in  
Tipton Co. Tenn is the father of William George?  
Can you give me the name of Isaac's  
wife & children or who was Isaac's father.

My father in law was born in Tipton  
Co. Tenn. in 1800 or so. His father moved to  
Arkansas where his wife ~~Sally~~ Ann died  
in 1877.

would appreciate if you  
can help me in any way.

Mrs Lyndon M. Surnage



8 July 1991 -

D. F. Mc Cormack's daughter  
(Rosemary Hawkins) told me that  
this is last letter he received, before  
his illness. He is a alive but has Alzheimer's  
mental disorder, so he cannot