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Research Findings

GOAL

- Build a family tree going back as many generations as possible for Ruby Montine Johnson, who was born on 17 March 1913 in Quitman, Wood County, Texas.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

The client provided a family group sheet for Ruby Montine Johnson and her husband Raymond Jones McLeroy that included their birth, marriage, and death dates and places, along with their children. The parents of Ruby Johnson were listed as Dawson Zadock Johnson and Emma Orena Farris on the family group sheet, but with no other information about them.

During this session, we documented the ancestry of Ruby Montine Johnson through her parents and grandparents and learned the names and approximate birth years and birthplaces of six of her eight great-grandparents. The discussion below is organized by generation, with Ruby's parents in the first section, followed by her paternal grandparents in the second section, maternal grandparents in the third section, and great-grandparents in sections four through six.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Because research in records before the 1850 census must rely heavily on probate, tax, land, and other records not readily available online, extending Ruby Johnson's ancestral lines will be more productive when repositories open again after pandemic restrictions have been lifted. These goals can be sought in any order but were listed here corresponding to the order the families were discussed in this report.

1. Seek to identify the parents and extend the ancestry of William Pinkney Johnson, born about 1830 in North Carolina. He married in 1847 in Coweta County, Georgia, and was enumerated in Georgia in the 1850–1880 censuses. He married Adaline (Cherry) Snow in 1881 and probably

died in 1888 in Georgia, though was likely buried in Alabama if the gravestone located for William Pinkney Johnson during this session was indeed for the ancestor.

2. Continue to search for the death record for Henry Clay Farris buried in Texas with a death year on his gravestone of 1928. Probate records may contain a more specific death date for him.
3. Verify the burial information for William Anderson Cherry and his wife Elizabeth Tucker Cherry with the cemetery sexton in Macedonia Cemetery, Chattooga County, Georgia. Search probate records for mention of their deaths. Elizabeth's parents may have been William and Elizabeth Tucker who were enumerated adjacent to William and Elizabeth Cherry on the 1850 census in Chattooga County. Continue to extend the Cherry and Tucker ancestry in North Carolina. The families likely came to Georgia about 1845, based on the ages and birthplaces of William and Elizabeth Cherry's probable children on the 1850 census.
4. Look for the marriage record for Meredith P. Farris and Martha McCain, probably in Texas about 1851. Locate their death records sometime after 1860, likely in Texas. Meredith may have been the son of Major and Lucy Farris, enumerated next door to the entry for M.P. Farris in 1850 in Titus County, Texas. Extend the Farris and McCain branches of the family tree.
5. Given their marriage date late in 1850 in Butts County, Georgia, James Stroud and Judith Bufford/Burford may have been enumerated with their parents on the 1850 census. Identify the death date and place for James Stroud and extend the Stroud ancestry in Georgia and Virginia and the Bufford/Burford ancestry in Georgia.

FAMILY OF DAWSON ZADOCK JOHNSON AND EMMA ORENA FARRIS	
Source	Comments
<p><i>Texas Birth Certificates, 1903–1935</i> (image), birth certificate for female Johnson, 17 March 1913, no. 10401, Quitman, Wood County, Texas, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 1.</p>	<p>This birth certificate did not contain the baby's name, but it matched the birth information for Ruby Montine Johnson provided by the client and listed her parents as D.Z. Johnson and Emma Farris.</p>
<p><i>Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007</i> (transcription), entry for Ruby Montine Johnson McLeroy, SSN 451-50-9713, 17 March 1913–22 February 1994, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p>	<p>Ruby's Social Security application gave her birth and death dates along with her parents' names: Dawson Z. Johnson and Emma Farris, matching the entries on her birth record.</p>
<p><i>Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837–1965</i> (image), marriage record for D.Z. Johnson and Emma Farris, 6 December 1908, no. 5624, Wood County, Texas, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 2.</p>	<p>Marriage record only listed the couple's names and the event information.</p>

<p>1920 U.S. Census (population schedule), Precinct 1, Wood County, Texas, ED 142, sheet 13A., Dawson Z. Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 3.</p>	<p>Ruby M. Johnson, age 6, was enumerated with her parents and three siblings on the 1920 census in Wood County, Texas.</p>
<p><i>Texas Deaths, 1890–1976</i> (image), death certificate for Dawson Zadock Johnson, 22 January 1964, no. 03996, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 4.</p>	<p>According to his death certificate, Dawson Zadock Johnson was born 27 April 1883 in Georgia to William Pinkney Johnson and Adaline Cherry, and died 22 January 1964 in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas. His daughter, Mrs. Raymond McLeroy (Ruby), was the informant on his death certificate.</p>
<p><i>Texas Deaths, 1890–1976</i> (image), death certificate for Emma O. Johnson, 13 May 1968, no. 36283, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 5.</p>	<p>Emma O. (Farris) Johnson was born 10 November 1886 in Quitman, Texas, to H.C. Farris and Sarah Stroud, and died 13 May 1968 in Beaumont, Jefferson, Texas, according to her death certificate.</p>
<p>FAMILY OF WILLIAM PINKNEY JOHNSON AND ADALINE CHERRY</p>	
<p>Source</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>1900 U.S. Census (population schedule), Teloga District, Chattooga County, Georgia, ED 24, sheet 18B, Adline Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 6.</p>	<p>Widowed “Adline” Johnson, born in January 1851, was head of household on the 1900 census in Teloga District, Chattooga County, Georgia. Also enumerated in the household were her three sons: Luther F. Johnson, born in May 1882; Dawson Z. Johnson, born in April 1883; and Hilder P. Johnson, born in February 1887. Also in the home was Adeline’s unmarried sister, Elizabeth Cherry, born in January 1846.</p>
<p>1880 U.S. Census (population schedule), Teloga District, Chattooga County, Georgia, ED 18, p. 26, William A. Cherry household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 7.</p>	<p>“Adeline” Cherry, age 34, was listed as widowed on the 1880 census in Teloga in the household of her parents, William A. and Elizabeth Cherry. Hillary Snow, age 12, was William’s grandson; all his children besides Adaline were single, so it was likely Hillary was her son. Franklin Cherry, age 17, was identified as William and Elizabeth’s son. His death certificate, discussed below, provided</p>

	the maiden name for William Cherry's wife Elizabeth.
1870 U.S. Census (population schedule), District 870, Chattooga County, Georgia, p. 12, James Snow household, https://ancestry.com , subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 8.	James Snow, age 30; Adaline Snow, age 23; and Hily Snow, age 3, were enumerated on the 1870 census in Chattooga County, Georgia, in the area served by the Trion Factory Post Office.
<i>Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978</i> (image), marriage record for W.P. Johnson and Adaline Snow, 4 September 1881, Chattooga County, Georgia, https://familysearch.org , accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 9.	The marriage record for W[illiam] P[inkney] Johnson and <i>Miss</i> Adaline Snow hinted that Adaline had not been married before. However, Dawson Zadock Johnson's death record listed William Pinkney Johnson as his father, and the presence of Hillary Snow as the grandson of William Cherry in 1880 both confirmed this was the marriage record for the ancestral couple.
<i>Find A Grave</i> (image and transcription), Tates Chapel Cemetery, Centre, Cherokee County, Alabama, headstone and memorial for William Pinkney Johnson, 1830-1888, memorial no. 37711206, https://findagrave.com , accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 10.	Though it is not known why William Pinkney Johnson would have been buried in Alabama, his death in 1888 would have allowed for the birth of his three sons who lived with their mother at the time of the 1900 census. The birth year on the gravestone was roughly consistent with census entries for the ancestor as discussed below.
<i>Find A Grave</i> (image and transcription), Ebenezer Cemetery, Oak Grove, Wood County, Texas, headstone and memorial for Adaline Boyles Cherry Johnson, 9 September 1846-6 March 1910, memorial no. 188859079, https://findagrave.com , accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 11.	Her gravestone is difficult to decipher in the online photo, but the Find A Grave memorial for Adaline Boyles Cherry Johnson stated she was born 9 September 1846 in Georgia and died 6 March 1910 in Wood County, Texas. Her entry in the 1900 census indicated she was born in January 1851; however, her age on the 1850-1880 censuses supported the earlier birth year from her gravestone.
<i>Texas Deaths, 1890-1976</i> , https://ancestry.com , subscription database, accessed June 2020.	Searched for the death certificate of Adaline Johnson (soundex) within 5 years of 1910 in all of Texas; NIL search.

<p><i>Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828–1978</i> (image), marriage record for William P. Johnson and Sophiah L. Kelly, 16 December 1847, Coweta County, Georgia, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 12.</p>	<p>William Pinkney Johnson was also married before he married Adaline (Cherry) Snow in 1881. William P. Johnson and “Sophiah” L. Kelly married on 16 December 1847 in Coweta County, Georgia.</p>
<p>1850 U.S. Census (population schedule), 19th Division, Coweta County, Georgia, pp. 291–92, William P. Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 13a–b.</p>	<p>William and Sophia were enumerated together in censuses between 1850 and 1880, indicating she likely died between June 1880 and September 1881, when William married Adaline (Cherry) Snow. Time was not taken to seek Sophia’s death date and place, but this can be done in a future session, if desired.</p> <p>William’s birthplace was consistently listed as South Carolina. His age of 20 in 1850 matched the birth year of 1830 on his gravestone.</p>
<p>1860 U.S. Census (population schedule), Siverate District, Coweta County, Georgia, p. 147, William P. Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 14.</p>	<p>William P. Johnson’s age was listed as 28 on this record, pointing to a birth year about 1832.</p>
<p>1870 U.S. Census (population schedule), Division 128, Walker County, Georgia, p. 122, William P. Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 15.</p>	<p>William’s age was given as 39 on this census, so born about 1831.</p>
<p>1880 U.S. Census (population schedule), Teloga District, Chattooga County, Georgia, ED 18, p. 29, W. Pinckney Johnson household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 16.</p>	<p>W. Pinckney Johnson’s age was 52 in 1880, which calculates to a birth year about 1828.</p>

<p>William Pinkney Johnson and Adaline Cherry were both married before they married each other in 1881 and became the parents of Dawson Zadock Johnson in 1883. Because William first married before the 1850 census was taken, he was not enumerated in that census with his parents, and neither his marriage records nor his Find A Grave memorial provided clues to his parents' names. Linking the next generation back in time will require more in-depth research, best suited for a larger research project.</p>	
<p>FAMILY OF HENRY CLAY FARRIS AND SARAH L. STROUD</p>	
<p>Source</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p><i>Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837–1965</i> (image) marriage record for H.C. Farris and Sallie L. Stroud, 8 January 1880, no. 131, Wood County, Texas, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 17.</p>	<p>Emma O. (Farris) Johnson's death certificate identified her parents as H.C. Farris and Sarah Stroud. Emma's parents were married 8 January 1880 in Wood County, Texas; Sallie is a common nickname for Sarah.</p>
<p>1880 U.S. Census (population schedule), Precinct 1, Wood County, Texas, ED 124, p. 19, Henry Farris household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 18.</p>	<p>Henry Farris, age 26, and Sallie L. Farris, age 21, reported they had been married for less than a year when the 1880 census was taken in Wood County on 10 June. The previous entry on this census, discussed in the section for James Stroud and Judith Bufurd, was for Sallie's parents and siblings.</p>
<p>1900 U.S. Census (population schedule), Precinct 1, Wood County, Texas, ED 7, sheet 11A, H.C. Farris household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 19.</p>	<p>Emma Farris, born in November 1886, was enumerated in the household of H.C. and Media Johnson in 1900. Media and H.C. had been married for only three years, so she could not have been the mother of the three Johnson girls born between 1886 and 1891. H.C.'s stepson Robert Estil, born in December 1885, was almost certainly one of Media's children; she reported she was the mother of four children, two living, on this document. H.C. Farris was born in April 1856 in Texas to a father whose birthplace was listed as unknown and a mother born in Kentucky. Media was born in February 1864 in Texas to parents born in Texas and Georgia.</p>
<p><i>Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837–1965</i> (image), marriage record for H.C. Farris and M. Estill, 15 January 1897, no. 2812, Wood County, Texas, https://familysearch.org, accessed June</p>	<p>The marriage record for H.C. Farris and Mrs. M. Estill on 15 January 1897 in Wood County confirmed the hypothesis that both parties had been previously married.</p>

<p>2020. DOCUMENT 20.</p>	
<p><i>Find A Grave</i> (image and transcription), Ebenezer Cemetery, Oak Grove, Wood County, Texas, headstone and memorial for Sarah Levicy “Sallie” Stroud, 1858–1896, memorial no. 188802671, https://findagrave.com, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 21.</p>	<p>Sallie L. (Stroud) Farris shares a headstone with Henry Clay Farris in Ebenezer Cemetery, Oak Grove, Wood County, Texas. Her dates were 1858–1896; Henry’s were 1854–1928. Her memorial listed her full name as Sarah Levicy “Sallie” Stroud. There are links to memorials for several of their children who died before 1900 and were buried in the same cemetery: Ella (Farris) Weem (1880–1889), M. May Farris (1895–1896), and Twin Boys Farris (1896–1896). Sallie may have died from complications of the twins’ birth. These children were born and died before Texas required registration of those events. However, cemetery records will likely show who owned the plots and may confirm their parents’ names, if adding them to the family tree is a future goal.</p>
<p>“Wood County, Texas Genealogy,” <i>FamilySearch Wiki</i>, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020.</p>	<p>Few death certificates are available before 1903 in Wood County, Texas, when statewide registration began for births and deaths.</p>
<p>The death record for Henry Clay Farris was sought in Texas but with no results; a general search was also conducted in online death indexes. Probate records may contain a more specific death date for him. Because repositories for those records are still closed due to the pandemic, the remaining time was spent writing up preliminary findings for the next generation of ancestors.</p> <p>The three sections below are about the great-grandparents of Ruby Montine Johnson. Ruby’s grandparents were all enumerated with their probable parents on at least the 1850 census. Though that document did not indicate relationships between household members, researching the oldest couple in the household can open the door to fully document the connections to this generation using probate, land, and vital records, alongside local histories.</p>	
<p>FAMILY OF WILLIAM ANDERSON CHERRY AND ELIZABETH TUCKER</p>	
<p>Source</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>1850 U.S. Census (population schedule), Brown Town, Chattooga County, Georgia, p. 353, Wm. A. Cherry household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 22.</p>	<p>Adaline Cherry, age 4, was enumerated with her parents and siblings in Brown Town, Chattooga County, Georgia; recall that she was identified as their daughter on the family’s 1880 census entry, discussed above</p>

	<p>(DOCUMENT 7.) William A. Cherry, age 35, and his wife Elizabeth, age 28, were born in North Carolina, as were their four oldest children. The family likely moved to Georgia shortly before Adaline's birth in 1846; her sister Elizabeth was born in North Carolina about 1845.</p> <p>The next entry on this census was the family of William Tucker, age 63, born in Virginia, and his probable wife Elizabeth, age 59, born in North Carolina, along with probable children Jane Tucker, age 24, and James Tucker, age 17, both born in North Carolina. Also living in the household was Bumis Blalack, age 19, a female born in North Carolina whose relationship to the family is unknown. As discussed below, William A. Cherry's wife's maiden name was likely Tucker; James and Elizabeth could have been her parents.</p>
<p>1860 U.S. Census (population schedule), Chattooga Valley, Chattooga County, Georgia, p. 85, W.A. Cherry household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 23.</p>	<p>Adaline still lived with her parents in 1860, and four more children had joined the household.</p>
<p>1870 U.S. Census (population schedule), District 968, Chattooga County, Georgia, p. 170, William Cherry household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 24.</p>	<p>Adaline was enumerated with her husband James Snow in 1870. The family structure of the William and Elizabeth Cherry household matched earlier censuses, with the addition of Franklin Cherry, age 8.</p>
<p><i>Find A Grave</i> (transcription), Macedonia Cemetery, Chattooga County, Georgia, memorial for William Anderson Cherry, 1815–11 November 1894, memorial no. 94759747, https://findagrave.com, accessed June 2020.</p> <p>DOCUMENT 25.</p>	<p>No gravestone photo was available for William Anderson Cherry. His memorial indicated he was born in 1815 in Lincoln County, North Carolina and died 11 November 1894 in Menlo, Chattooga County, Georgia.</p>
<p><i>Find A Grave</i> (transcription), Macedonia Cemetery, Chattooga County, Georgia, memorial for Elizabeth "Betty" Tucker Cherry, 1822–1881, memorial no. 94759934,</p>	<p>Only birth and death years were available on the memorial for Elizabeth Tucker Cherry, 1822–1881.</p>

<p>https://findagrave.com, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 26.</p>	
<p>“Chattooga County, Georgia Genealogy,” <i>FamilySearch Wiki</i>, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020.</p>	<p>Death records in Chattooga County, Georgia, generally began in 1919.</p>
<p><i>Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982</i> (image), Texas State Department of Health, death certificate for Franklin Mariman Cherry, 23 March 1936, no. 18189, Quitman, Wood County, Texas, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 27.</p>	<p>The death certificate for Franklin Mariman Cherry, 23 March 1936 in Quitman, Wood County, Texas, indicated he was born 18 June 1863 to parents Anderson Cherry and [blank] Tucker, providing Elizabeth Cherry’s maiden name as well as her husband’s middle name.</p>
<p>Future research should verify the burial information with the cemetery sexton in Macedonia Cemetery, as well as searching probate records for mention of their deaths. Then, continue to extend the Cherry and Tucker ancestry.</p>	
<p>FAMILY OF MEREDITH P. FARRIS AND MARTHA McCAIN</p>	
<p>Source</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>1860 U.S. Census (population schedule), Red River County, Texas, p. 112, M.P. Farriss household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 28.</p>	<p>Henry C. “Farriss,” age 6, was enumerated in the household of M.P. and Martha Farriss on the 1860 census in the area served by Clarksville Post Office in Red River County, Texas. His likely father, M.P., age 34, was born in Alabama; Martha, age 28, was born in Kentucky; and their other probable children were Luranna, age 8, born in Texas; and Lemuel M., age 4, born in Louisiana. Others living in the household included Margaret Wood, age 12, born in Arkansas, and Wm. Farriss, age 16, born in Texas, who may have been Henry’s uncle or other relative. Because he was not listed as the eldest youth in the household, he was less likely to have been a child of the couple, though that is also a possibility, left to future research.</p>
<p>1850 U.S. Census (population schedule), Titus County, Texas, p. 18, M.P. Farris in Daniel McKinney household and Major Farris household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 29.</p>	<p>M.P. Farris, age 26, born in Alabama, was living in the household of Daniel and Dorothy McKinney in Titus County, Texas, at the time of the 1850 census. The next entry on the page was for Major Farris, age 52, born in Virginia; Lucy Farris, age 50, born in Alabama; and five</p>

	<p>younger individuals with the Farris surname born in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas. Major was sometimes used as a given name as well as a military title. Future research may determine whether Major and Lucy Farris were the parents of M.P. Farris.</p>
<p><i>Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982</i> (image), Texas State Department of Health, death certificate for Lemuel M. Farris, 21 July 1940, no. 35598, Quitman, Wood County, Texas, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 30.</p>	<p>Henry C. Farris had a likely brother named Lemuel M. Farris with his family in the 1860 census, born about 1856 in Louisiana. Though Henry's death certificate has not been located, the death certificate for Lemuel M. Farris indicated he was born 15 May 1857 in Louisiana to Meredith P. Farris and [blank] McCain, and died 21 July 1940 in Quitman, Wood County, Texas.</p>
<p>Future research should continue to concentrate on Meredith P. Farris and his wife Martha McCain to locate their marriage and death records, if possible, and to extend their ancestry.</p>	
<p>FAMILY OF JAMES STROUD AND JUDITH BALDWIN BUFFORD</p>	
Source	Comments
<p>1870 U.S. Census (population schedule), Precinct 4, Wood County, Texas, p. 49, James Stroud household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 31.</p>	<p>Sarah L. Stroud, age 11, was in the household of James and Judith B. Stroud on the 1870 census in the area served by the Quitman Post Office. James, age 40, and Judith, age 37, were both born in Georgia, as were Sarah and her probable older brother William, age 17. Four younger children in the household were born in Texas: John, Edward, Mary J., and Nancy.</p>
<p>1880 U.S. Census (population schedule), Precinct 1, Wood County, Texas, ED 124, pp. 18–19, James Stroud household, https://ancestry.com, subscription database, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 32a–b.</p>	<p>As noted above, Henry and Sallie (Stroud) Johnson were enumerated directly after the James and Judith Stroud household in 1880. On this census the child who would have been the same age as Edward was called Vincent, and Nancy was called Ida.</p>
<p><i>Georgia, County Marriages, 1785–1950</i> (image), marriage record for James Stroud and Judith B. Bufford, 19 December 1850, Butts County, Georgia, https://familysearch.org, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 33.</p>	<p>James Stroud and Judith B. Bufford were married 19 December 1850 in Butts County, Georgia.</p>

<p><i>Find A Grave</i> (image and transcription), Clover Hill Cemetery, Quitman, Wood County, Texas, headstone and memorial for Judith Baldwin Burford Stroud, 9 January 1833–29 December 1895, memorial no. 17689915, https://findagrave.com, accessed June 2020. DOCUMENT 34.</p>	<p>The engraving on her headstone was “Judith B. Stroud, born 9 January 1833, died 29 December 1895.” The memorial spelled her maiden name as Burford rather than Bufford and provided a middle name of Baldwin. There was no memorial for James Stroud in Clover Hill Cemetery.</p>
<p>Given their marriage date late in 1850, James and Judith may have been enumerated with their parents on the 1850 census. Future research should identify the death information for James Stroud and extend the Stroud and Bufford/Burford ancestry.</p>	

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