

Matthew Jouett Williams Black (1802-1850) Timeline

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May 9, 1802.¹ Matthew Jouett Williams Black, son of Lemuel Black and Mary Ann Williams, was born in Captain Matthew's District in Oglethorpe County, GA.

[Throughout all the primary records, his name is spelled both Mathew and Matthew. I have used the spelling found in the original record in the timeline below.]

May 26, 1818. Mathew Jouett Williams, Sen^r of Elbert County, GA. I give and bequeath to my grandson Mathew W. Black ten dollars. Proven January 5, 1819. Recorded January 12, 1819.²

1820 Oglethorpe County, Georgia census. Enumerated in the household of his father Lemuel Black.

Free white males:

3 under 10: Geo. Walker, Jas. Smith, Wm. A.

1 age 10-16: Lemuel Jr.

1 age 16-18: Jno. Wms.

2 age 16-26: Thos. Jas., Mat. Jouett Wms.

1 over 45: Lemuel

Free white females:

1 age 10-16: Mary Jane Black

1 age 26-45: Mary Ann Wms. Black

Apr. 24, 1821. Elbert County, GA. Rec^d of Mathew J Williams + Thomas W Williams executors on the estate of Mathew J Williams dec^d ten dollars + 50 cents in full of a legacy left me by said dec^d in his last will and testament this 24th April 1821 Mathew J Black³

May 10, 1821. Matthew J. Black marries Miss Mary Deadwyler, Elbert County, GA. Performed by F. Callaway, O.M.G.⁴

¹ This name and date are recorded in the Lemuel Black family bible. In 2001, cousin Sallie McFarland wrote, "My mother had Lemuel's family bible and it burned when our house burned in 1939. Just a few short years before that she loaned the bible to a cousin Hugo Black to use for his swearing in ceremony to take the oath of office, when he was sworn in as a justice of the supreme court. In the late 1960's my mother told me she was the oldest living child in her family so that was why she had the bible and she wanted me to try to get as much together on the Black family as possible. With her help we started out, we found that a niece of Hugo's, Grace Black Smith, had copied the bible info when Hugo had it borrowed. Also a cousin, Ebbie Black Shipp, living in Ft. Payne, AL. had copied the info, so we had two sources to get information from."

² Elbert County, GA Will Book L (1816-1821), p. 232-234

³ Elbert Co GA Will Book Vol. M (1822-1825) page 99-101. Contact Michael Black for a copy of this original record.

⁴ Elbert County, GA will book L, p. 477

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June 16, 1823. Oglethorpe County, GA. Elisha Strong vs. Mathew Black. Debt. We the jury find for the plaintiff the sum of thirty seven dollars and fifty cents with interest and cost. Elijah Bailey, Foreman⁵

June 16, 1823. Oglethorpe County, GA. Elisha Strong vs. Mathew Black. In this case, Lemuel Black enters himself security for the stay of execution sixty days in terms of the statute in such case made and provided. Mathew J. Black, Lemuel Black.⁶

Oct. 6, 1823. Lemuel Black to Mathew J. Black, 55 acres on Beaverdam Creek for \$225. Recorded April 21, 1824.⁷

1824. Oglethorpe Co GA Tax List. Capt. Griffeth District. Mathew J. Black, 202½ acres, 10 Dis No 156⁸

Dec. 21, 1824. Robert B. Christian & Edna, his wife, to James Oliver, all of Elbert County, for \$250, 51 acres on Doves Creek. Proved by Shelton Oliver, Matthew J. Black, Oct. 23, 1830. Recorded June 6, 1831.⁹

Dec. 21, 1824. Robert B. Christian & Edna, his wife, to James Oliver, all of Elbert County, for \$1000, 380 acres on Doves Creek. Proved by Shelton Oliver, Matthew J. Black, Oct. 23, 1830. Recorded June 6, 1831.¹⁰

July 23, 1825. Lost out of my pocket. A green morocco pocket book, containing the following: a note on Austin Webb, jun. for \$15, made payable to Martin Deadwyler one day after date bearing March 17, 1824; a note on Matthew J. Black for \$5, made payable to Martin Deadwyler, one day after date, date not recollected; a bond for titles to two tracts of land lying in Appling county, Nov. 328 and 337, which bond was given to Jesse Moon by Philip Prior
Jesse Moon.¹¹

Elbert county, July 4, 1825 m3t

⁵ Oglethorpe County, GA Minutes of Inferior Court (1822-1832), June Term 1823. As appears in Oglethorpe County, GA Inferior and Ordinary Court Records 1794-1920 Volume II by Fred W. McRee, Jr. I also have the original petition which is from Oglethorpe Co. Misc. Records 1796-1925 (debts).

⁶ Oglethorpe County, GA Minutes of Inferior Court (1822-1832), June Term 1823. As appears in Oglethorpe County, GA Inferior and Ordinary Court Records 1794-1920 Volume II by Fred W. McRee, Jr.

⁷ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book L, p. 127.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/deeds/black2black.txt>

⁸ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Oglethorpe County, GA.

⁹ Elbert County, GA DB W (1831-1835), p. 5

¹⁰ Elbert County, GA DB W (1831-1835), p. 5

¹¹ The Washington News (Washington, Ga.), July 23, 1825, page 4. Notice also appears in Sept. 25, 1825 edition.

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Dec. 1825. Oglethorpe County, GA. Mathew J. Black, 55 acres, in Capt. Floyd's District.¹²

Nov. 2, 1826. Oglethorpe County, GA. Mathew J. Black, 56 acres, in Capt. Davenport's District, 1 stud horse.¹³

1827. Oglethorpe Co GA Tax List. Capt. Davenport's District. Mathew J. Black, 1 stud horse¹⁴

Feb. 2, 1828. Sheriff's Bond. Ga.: Martin Deadwyler, Joseph Deadwyler, William Gibbs, Jesse Fortson, Alexander Vaughn, Alexander Gauden, Matthew J. Black, Horatio J. Goss, & William A. Herring are bound to John Forsythe, governor, for \$20,000. Recorded Feb. 15, 1832.¹⁵

Dec. 17, 1829. Joseph Deadwyler to Mathew J. Black, both of Elbert County, for \$75, 53 acres on Doves Creek. Recorded Mar. 26, 1830.¹⁶

1830. Enumerated in Elbert County, GA. Heads of Families: Matthew J. Black.¹⁷

1 male under 5

1 male 20-30

1 female under 5

2 females 5-10

1 female 20-30

Oct. 4, 1830. Henry Barnes to William M. Allman. Witness: Simeon Oliver, Isaac Almand, Matthew J. Black, J.P. Recorded Nov. 19, 1830.¹⁸

Mar. 13, 1832. Mathew J. Black to Martin Deadwyler, 400 acres on Doves Creek in Elbert County, GA for \$500. Recorded Dec. 16, 1839.¹⁹

Aug. 16, 1834. Lemuel Dwells v. Mathew J. Black for \$102.83 debt. August the 20th 1834 Served the defendant with a copy of the writ in person. William S. Whitworth, Sheriff. For Madison County Superior Court, September Term 1834.²⁰

¹² Georgia Property Tax Digest, Oglethorpe County, GA.

¹³ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Oglethorpe County, GA.

¹⁴ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Oglethorpe County, GA.

¹⁵ Elbert County, GA DB W (1831-1835), p. 33

¹⁶ Elbert County, GA DB V (1828-1831), p. 140

¹⁷ This enumeration has an error in that they had 4 children by the 1830 census.

¹⁸ Elbert County, GA DB V (1828-1831), p. 208

¹⁹ Elbert County, GA DB Y (1839-1842), p. 128

²⁰ Madison County, GA Superior Court Folio Records – Mathew J. Black

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Dec. 31, 1834. James Sterling, of Troup County, to Mathew J. Black, of Madison County, for the sum of \$150, land on the waters of the south fork of Broad River, containing 283 acres. Proved by witnesses Jan. 2, 1837.²¹

July Term 1836. Inferior Court of Madison County. The following persons was present as jurors: Mathew J. Black.²²

July 9, 1836. To the clerk of the Inferior Court of Madison County....Matthew J. Black, cons.²³

Jan. 7, 1837. Mathew J. Black and Amos Carithers, \$650 for 283 acres on the Broad River. Recorded Aug. 27, 1841.²⁴

1837. Oglethorpe Co GA Tax List. Glade District. Mathew J. Black, no land²⁵

Sept. 3, 1837. Mathew J. Black purchased the seized property of John Bone at the Court House, for \$497, one tract containing 430 acres and one tract containing 230 acres. Indenture made Jan. 9, 1838 between James W. Ware, Sheriff, to Mathew J. Black. Recorded Aug. 18, 1840.²⁶

Mar. 5, 1838. Mathew J. Black was drawn as a juror for July term 1838.²⁷

Jul. 14, 1838. A list of letters, remaining in the Post Office at Danielsville, on the 1st day of July, 1838.

Matthew J. Black²⁸

Dec. 1, 1838. Nowhere District, Madison County, GA tax digest. Matthew J. Black, 160 acres.²⁹

1840. Madison County, GA census, Nowhere District. Matthew J. Black.

3 males 5-10

1 male 10-15

1 male 30-40

2 females 0-5

1 female 10-15

1 female 15-20

²¹ Madison County, GA Deed Book F, p. 433-434.

²² Madison County, GA Inferior Court minutes for county purposes book B (1824-1845), p. 199

²³ Madison County, GA Homestead Records (1827-1866)

²⁴ Madison County, GA Deed Book H, p. 84-85

²⁵ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Oglethorpe County, GA.

²⁶ Madison County, GA Deed Book G, p. 321

²⁷ Madison County, GA Inferior Court minutes for county purposes book B (1824-1845), p. 221

²⁸ The Southern Whig (Athens, Ga.) July 14, 1838, page 3

²⁹ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Madison County.

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1 female 30-40

Sept. 17, 1840. Mathew J. Black offered his note at Court in Milledgeville for \$1000, endorsed by John Scott and James Daniel.³⁰

Nov. 10, 1840. Mathew J. Black appears in 1840 Madison County, Ga. tax digest with 475 acres.³¹

Dec. 17, 1840. Mathew J. Black, borrowed from the Central Bank of Georgia \$1000.³²

Jan. 29, 1841. MADISON SHERIFF'S SALE.³³

On the first Tuesday in MARCH next,

WILL be sold before the Court-house door in Danielsville, Madison county, between the usual hours of sale, the following property, to wit:

235 acres of land, more or less, in said county, on the waters of South River, adjoining land of Barny Bone and others; one negro girl named Elizabeth, eight years old; one negro boy named Barnett, six years old; Jane, a girl about five years old; levied on as the property of Matthew J. Black by virtue of a fi fa issued from the Superior Court of Madison county, in favor of Daniel Hand, indorsee, vs Matthew J. Black. Property pointed out by defendant.

Feb. 10, 1841. Mathew J. Black and James Daniel and John Scott. 475 acres and five negroes. Recorded Feb. 10, 1841.³⁴

May 7, 1841. MADISON. One bay stallion about eight years old, one yoke of oxen about nine years old, and one cart; levied on by virtue of a fi fa in favor of Henry White vs Matthew J. Black.³⁵

Apr. 1, 1842. Madison Sh'ff's Sale. For May, 1842. Will be sold on the first Tuesday in May next, at the Court House door in Danielsville, Madison county, within the usual hours of sale the following property to wit: Also one bay mare about six years old and colt, one yoke of oxen about five years old: Levied on as the property of Mathew J. Black, to satisfy a fi fa from Oglethorpe Superior Court,

³⁰ Madison County, GA Superior Court, Deeds Records and Mortgages, Book H (1840-1844), p. 12-13

³¹ Madison County, GA Tax Digest, 1840.

³² Madison County, GA Superior Court, Deeds Records and Mortgages, Book H (1840-1844), p. 12-13

³³ Southern Banner (Athens, Ga.), January 29, 1841, page 3

³⁴ Madison County, GA Superior Court, Deeds Records and Mortgages, Book H (1840-1844), p. 12-13

³⁵ The Southern Whig (Athens, Ga.) May 7, 1841, page 3. Notice also appears May 28.

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in favor of J. Muckelwrath, vs. Mathew J. Black and Mary Ann Black, property pointed out by defendants. WM. W. POWER, Sh'ff.³⁶

July 1, 1842. Madison Sh'ff's Sale. For September, 1842. Will be sold on the first Tuesday in September next, at the Court House door in Danielsville, Madison county, within the usual hours of sale the following property to wit: One negro woman, Mourning, twenty seven years of age, and her son Jerry two years old, taken as the property of Matthew J. Black, to satisfy a mortgage fi fa in favor of James Daniel and John Scott, vs. the said Matthew J. Black, property pointed out in said fi fa. JOHN R. STOVALL, D. Sh'ff.³⁷

July Term 1842. Mathew J. Black sworn as juror for July term 1842.³⁸

Mar. 10, 1843. John G. Deadwyler v. Matthew J. Black for \$500. "By the twenty fifth day of December next I promise to pay John G. Deadwyler or bearer Five hundred dollars for value received. March 10th 1843. *Mathew J. Black*³⁹ Plaintiff did recover \$500 plus the sum of \$28.26 interest this 9th day of September 1844.

June 6, 1843. Seized property of Mathew J. Black was publicly advertised and sold according to law at the Court House to John Scott and James Daniel, for \$299. Recorded June 6, 1844.⁴⁰

July 10, 1843. Madison County, GA Tax Digest, Pocatigo District. Mathew J. Black with 475 acres.⁴¹

1843. Matthew J. Black, Oglethorpe County, GA affidavits.⁴²

Jan. 1, 1847. Mathew J. Black received \$983.20 from his father-in-law's estate in right of his wife.

Mar. 1, 1847. Court then proceeded to draw jury for the July Term 1847... Mathew J. Black.⁴³

³⁶ Southern Whig, April 8, 1842, page 4. This notice also appears in the April 14 and April 22 editions.

³⁷ Southern Whig, August 26, 1842, page 4

³⁸ Madison County, GA Inferior Court Minutes for county purposes book B (1824-1845), p. 277

³⁹ Madison County, GA Superior Court Folio Records – Filed with Matthew J. Black. Recorded in Book K, folio 446 + 447, January 24, 1845.

⁴⁰ Madison County, GA Deed Book H, p. 296-297.

⁴¹ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Madison County.

⁴² http://www.sos.georgia.gov/archives/what_do_we_have/online_indexes/pdi/RG209/209-02-006.htm

⁴³ Madison County, GA Inferior Court Minutes Book C (1845-1866), page 21

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July 3, 1848. Madison County, GA Tax Digest, Pocatigo District. Mathew J. Black with 0 acres.⁴⁴

July 10, 1848. Court then proceeded to draw jury for the January Term 1849: Mathew J. Black.⁴⁵

July 9, 1849. Madison County, GA Tax Digest, Pocatigo District. Mathew J. Black with 0 acres.⁴⁶

June 1850.⁴⁷ Matthew J. Black dies at home in the Pocatigo District of Madison County. See footnote for how I arrived at this date.

July 6, 1850. Madison County, GA Tax Digest, Pocatigo District. Mathew J. Black is NOT listed.⁴⁸

Oct. 30, 1850. 56th Subdivision, Madison County, GA census.

Mary A. Black, 47

Lemuel Black, 21

Matthew J. Black, 16

William Black, 14

Mary A. Black, 12

Letty A. Black, 10

John G. Black, 8

Nov. 5, 1850. 56th Subdivision, Madison County, GA agricultural census.

Mary A. Black tenant

Feb. 27, 1911. S. M. Swindle to "The Decendants of Mary Black", that tract of land of 144 square rods (0.9 acres) being the land Mrs. Black lived on at the time of her death which constitutes the family cemetery. Recorded March 7, 1911.⁴⁹

⁴⁴ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Madison County.

⁴⁵ Madison County, GA Inferior Court Minutes Book C (1845-1866), page 36

⁴⁶ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Madison County.

⁴⁷ Mathew J. Black is enumerated in the July 9, 1849 Madison County, GA Tax Digest, but he is deceased by the July 6, 1850 Tax Digest. Therefore, he died between these dates. He is not in the 1850 mortality schedule, so he did not die in the previous year June 1, 1849 to June 1, 1850. To be more precise, if he is living on June 1, 1850 and not on the mortality schedule but deceased by July 6 when the tax schedule was enumerated, then he died in June 1850. The 1850 census was enumerated October 30, 1850 and he does not appear in this census.

⁴⁸ Georgia Property Tax Digest, Madison County.

⁴⁹ Madison County, GA Deed Book 2, p. 229

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Nov. 15, 2011. Professional survey conducted of the Black Family Cemetery in GMD 383.⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Recorded in Madison County, GA Superior Court on Jan. 17, 2012. Book B242, page 2B. Email Michael Black for a copy of this survey.