

**Madison<sup>3</sup> JAMESON** ( William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) born 13 October 1813 near Easley, South Carolina, and died 28 May 1894, location probably Alpharetta, Ga and buried in Boiling Springs Cemetery near Alpharetta, GA .

He married **Elizabeth (Mary Ann Elizabeth Ruth) BRADLEY**, 20 December 1838, location unknown, probably in GA. She was born 25 October 1822 in Walton Co., GA and died 21 March 1909 in Milton Co., GA, burial location probably Boiling Springs Cemetery, near Alpharetta, GA.

From *Our Common Heritage by John Jameson*: I do not have any information concerning my grandfather prior to his residence in Georgia. He married my grandmother from nearby Walton County after moving there and they lived on a farm near Alpharetta where their children were born.

He was too old for active military service at the beginning of the Civil War but was a member of the Georgia State Guards who were concerned with home defense. In this capacity he was captured by Federal troops near Atlanta in June, 1864, and imprisoned at Camp Douglas, near Chicago, until the end of the war. He suffered grievously from cold and hunger while there; and from an old hernia which had partly healed prior to his war service. He attributed his survival to the help of a fellow prisoner who had enough gold on his person to buy warmer clothes and blankets.

At the end of the war he was sent by train to Richmond where he was released, and from whence he had to walk home. The trip required about three months and he arrived at home grievously ill and undernourished.

The family had to start over after the war. Their property had been partly destroyed, their money was worthless, and their lives were some what embittered by their war experiences. In spite of these difficulties, however, they made progress and grandfather mostly regained his health. The family worshipped at the Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist Church, and both grandparents are buried in the cemetery adjacent to that church.

Two of his sons: William Thomas and George Washington, died while in military service. Four other children: James Madison, Susan Calista, John Marion, and Rebecca Ann moved to Texas. From there, James Madison and John Marion moved to Indian territory, now Oklahoma, where they spent their lives. The other children, except Sophronia who moved to South Carolina, remained in Georgia. Here again, a geographical separation of families occurred which has mostly continued to the present time.