

412, 1845. They had others
but all are dead.

4 Phoebie married a Howard.
She went to Fla. and my fa-
ther never heard of her a-
gain. She had some boys.

Paxton married Miss
Minerva Mobley of Talladega
Co. The children of this un-
ion were Elizabeth, married
J. M. Patterson. She is now a
widow living at Lincoln.

Mallie married Erney Gar-
rissel, of St. Clair. Leonard
married a Miss Davis. She
is now dead and Leonard
is somewhere among the
Indians. They have a daugh-
ter, Rosa, who is an in-
tent young invalid.

Kindale, Aug. 22, 1905

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Today, I write you
according to promise. I give
you family history as I have
gathered it from records
and relatives.

John Vincent married
Nellie Haws somewhere in Ga.
I have no dates and do not
know anything about the Haws
family. They came to Cham-
bers Co. Ala. between 1835-
1840. John Vincent died May
13, 1871. His wife died in 1854.

Children born to this mar-
riage are recorded as follows:
Lemington born Apr. 24, 1812

Eliza Ga. " Dec. 8, 1813
" Sept 28, 1815
" Mar. 27, 1817
" June 5, 1820

Hancy Caroline	Born Dec. 29, 1823	mother can tell you of the John's family.
Charlotte	" Apr 24, 1822	
Mary Ann	" June 25, 1825	
Wilbourn	" Feb. 5, 1827	
Rhuey	" 19, 1829	
Souesiana America	" Jan 12, 1831	
Elizabeth	" Feb 21, 1833	
Aaron	" 13, 1835	
Luiza	" 24, 18-	
Eugenia	" 28, 18-	

All of these are now dead except aunt Eugenia who ^{is} at Princeton Texas with her daughter Rosa Allen Pennington and Wilbourn married and died without issue

John Jr. married three times but raised only two families. Bettie married Lanning and went to Texas but

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Isaac traveled among the Indians as interpreter for explorers. He found good land in Montgomery Co. and induced his father to exchange his land in Chambers Co for a home in Mont. Co. Isaac became quite wealthy in negro land and money. He also bought his father's property. His wife was Miss Helen Cobelt who now survives. At present they have no living descendants. It seems to me that the Vincent property should remain on the Vincent side. The birth of one son to them is given as Isaac Marion born Oct.

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Grover Cleveland Jan. 3, 1885-

Right here a little auto-biography will doubtless be excusable. You will notice that the ages of some have been purposely withheld. I can explain my own case to those who will accept it and I suppose the others have similar views.

I do not wish to conceal my age that I may appear young enough to associate with the younger set but I do wish to keep in touch with them. Certainly, I do not like to bear my age thrown contemptuously in my face nor dignified as "old maid". The psychological effect is too strong. If I have cheated some man of a wife

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living with her relatives at Easonville.

Elsie married in Texas
Mollie " Garrison went to Texas
Tallie married John Hannah and went to Texas. Both are dead
Leona married McHenry and went to Miss. She is dead
Minnie married R. Allison and lives in western Ala.,
perhaps Tuscaloosa, Co.

Charlotte married a Ham-mock and went to Miss. She had only one child, Cholista when I saw her.

Haney Caroline, Mary Ann and Louisiana America all three married Reynolds men of Mont. Co. Some of them left a few children.

Rhine married Wm. Mayes of this Co. She left three chil-

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daen. Leonidas is dead. His
lie is a gambler and his
cousin married Ida Ware.
They now live in Ark.

Elizabeth H. married Allen
of Montgomery Co.

Eugenia married "The"
Wilson, of Memphis. They
had six or seven children -
one set of twins. Walter and
one or two others are dead.
Hugh, Rosa, Dora and Jan-
lalah are all married
and living in Texas.

Aaron married Miss
Margaret Missouri [redacted]
Dec. 12, 1861. He served four
years in the Civil war
and returned home without
scratch but a poor man.

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indeed. Hard work and
poverty embittered his
life so that he was never
a kind father. His un-
kindness and unhappy
state of mind was partly
due to conjugal infidelity.

Four girls and seven
boys were born to this union:

Ida, Oct. 20, 1844
Oscar " 3, 1846

Inez Mar. 25, 1848

Oakley, Feb. 16, 1850

Elmer Mar. 10 1872

Alvin L. Aug. 16, 1873

Julie " 12, 1875

John Wm. July 19, 1877

Wm. Lewellyn Sept. 22, 1880

Ruby Elena Dec. 31 188-

Present against the private members of the family and sometimes succeed in creating distrust among their nearest relatives, then self-defense is the only alternative. She may be shielded even so well from contact with the world but once the lion enters the sheep fold, nothing but a well guided, independent spirit can save her.

Give my love to Harry, Dick and all the family. Write me when you feel like it.

To ever your
affectionate son in
the affectionate

it is not wholly my fault I have been contrary with my parents more than any one else just to teach them a lesson, and justify myself. I do not oppose marriage except where they are unsuited to each other, i. e., disparities in education, moral training, temperament and race. I have never married, more because I was never in a position to form a suitable alliance.

Old age is ossification, or in other words, the body fills with mineral matter and refuse till we die of stagnation or putrefaction. Health and happy-

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is a duty to ourselves
regardless of others.

John W. married Miss Jessie Morris, Dec. 22, 1904. stain on an associate or
Harrison merely enlisted relative causes public sent-
for the Spanish war. and his nest to places us in
encamped at Miami the several months. He deserves it or not. But, of
was not in a battle. course, the world may wag
He and Grover both as it pleases. He should
are members of the know ourselves. Those who are
Talladega Co. They were left without protection at a
in the sham battle tender age are not to be cer-
at Chickamauga last tured if they fall a prey to
fall.

I am glad of this op-
portunity to express myself
to you. I wish I could see
you. I have heard so much

about the Sherrill girls and
others around there that I
am almost afraid to ask
John W. married Miss Jessie Morris, You know a
the same class whether we
deserve it or not. But, of
course, the world may wag
as it pleases. He should
know ourselves. Those who are
left without protection at a
tender age are not to be cer-
tured if they fall a prey to
kindly influences. Then
evil minded people wish
to humble a family and
possibly drive them from
their possession, they first
set the tide of public senti-

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