

BURROUGHS (BURRUS) HIGGINBOTHAM

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Burroughs (or Burrus) Higginbotham b. 1759, Amhurst Co., VA, occupation Rev. Soldier. He came with other members of his family to Georgia in 1783, about the time of the close of the Revolution, and was granted 287 1/2 acres of bounty land for his Revolutionary War service, by the State of Georgia, May 17, 1784. The land lay in Washington County. He went to Florida in the later 1780's and was married there; his wife was named Isabella D., maiden name unknown. They had nine children. Burrus (sometimes spelled "Burroughs") Higginbotham lived in Florida in present Nassau County when they first settled there. About 1791, he moved across the St. Marys River to Camden County, Georgia, and bought land, also granted other land on Todd's Creek. His last acquisition of land in Camden was on Jan. 10, 1816, when 500 acres on the St. Marys River was surveyed for him as headright land. He died about 1820, and was buried in what was later called Evergreen Cemetery near old Fort Henry on the St. Marys River in Nassau Co, Florida. The 287 1/2 acres of bounty land that was granted to him by the State of Georgia for his Revolutionary War service was located in that part of Washington County that was made into Greene County in 1786. The deed records of Green County shows that on January 14, 1791, Burrus Higginbotham (county of residence at the time not shown) conveyed this property to Thomas Culbreath.

Reference: "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia", Vol. V, pg. 203 and 204, and Vol. VII, pg. 406.

I. James Higginbotham b. 1778, m. Sarah Lowther.

II. Elijah Higginbotham b. 1790, m. Ann Hodges, b. Camden Co., Ga, d. 11-JUL-1874, Nassau Co., Fl. Elijah Higginbotham was the second child of Burrous Higginbotham, Rev. Soldier, and his wife, Donna Isabella. Elijah married Anna Hodges of Georgia, circa 1810. She was thought to be a daughter of William Hodges of Camden Co., Ga. Elijah Higginbotham was granted a Spanish Land Grant on the Little St. Marys River, Dec. 19, 1818, before Florida became a territory. It was signed by Jorge F. Clarke.

Probate

Court record #737 prove that Elijah Higginbotham died June 4, 1868, Nassau Co., Fla. His wife, Anna, deceased July 11, 1874. Their property was to be divided among the heirs equally.

Ref.: 1840, 1850, 1860 Duval and Nassau Co. Census. Family and Bible records. Probate Court Death Records, Duval Co. 1868. Will of Anna Hodges Higginbotham.

III. Joseph A. Higginbotham b. 1792, Nassau Co., Fl, m. Mary Ann (Polly) Pinkham, b. 1795, VA, lived in Elberton GA.

IV. Mary Elizabeth Higginbotham b. 1795, m. 1811, in Traders Hill, Charlton Co., GA, Joseph Haddock, b. 1779, Pitt County, GA, (son of Zachariah Haddock and Amey ____). Mary buried: Haddock Cemetery, Kings Ferry, Nassau Co., FL.

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V. David B. Higginbotham b. 1796, m. (1) 1813, Elizabeth Hughes?, m. (2) Mar 27, 1852, Bethel Susannah Beck, m. (3) Nancy Roundtree.

VI. Thomas B. Higginbotham b. 1798, Camden County, Ga, m. 10/13/1821, Mary Lucretia Lee.

VII. John Jackson Higginbotham b. 1800, m. Oct 10, 1822, Eleanor Hagen.

VIII. Dorothy Higginbotham b. 1802, m. Nov 26, 1822, William Crozier.

IX. Judith Higginbotham b. 1804, m. William Lane.

1 "Pioneers of Florida's First Coast" pg. 206 and 207. Submitted by: Helen Beasley Hodges, Callahan, Florida